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The NUR executive has reaffirmed its determination to stick to its claim of between 30 and 35 per cent. For the strike to be called off, the union would have abandoned its claim for higher-paid workers in return for some concessions for men at the bottom of the pay scale. That might mean some loss of face.

The Government yesterday increased its pressure on the union to settle when the Prime Minister said publicly what he told the executive when it met him at 10 Downing Street on Saturday: that the Government is prepared to see some slight concessions above the arbitration award, but will risk confrontation rather than give in to the full claim.

Mr Wilson's comments, in answer to questions in the Commons, came after a meeting between Mr Sidney Weighell, general secretary of the union, Mr David Bowman, president, Mr Foot, Secretary of State for Employment, and Mr Crosland, Secretary of State for the Environment.

After the meeting Mr Weighell, under the impression that Mr Foot had advised him to do so, telephoned to the railways board and asked for a meeting. But Mr Foot's office was later at pains to deny that the minister had given the union any hint that the board might be ready to make concessions. All he had done, it said, was to tell the union that the Government could not grant requests for further talks: only British Rail could do that.

Mr Foot has cancelled a visit he proposed to make today to an International Labour Convention in Geneva so that he can be on hand in case anything happens in the railway dispute.

Mr Weighell and Mr Bowman yesterday saw Mr Len Murray, TUC general secretary, to keep him informed of developments.

Fathers of chapels (chairmen of office branches) of the Society of Graphical and Allied Trades in London offices of national newspapers met yesterday to discuss their position if the strike goes on.

Response to scheme: Current Affairs Press, which has a plan to help travellers in the event of a strike, said last night that it was overwhelmed with telephone calls yesterday in response to its announcement of the scheme on Monday. (a Staff Reporter writes).

It said there had been an encouraging initial response of more than a hundred letters from car owners willing to make seats available and from others offering help. An advertising campaign was being planned.

The aim of the scheme is to put commuters and others needing transport in touch with those who can provide it, and to fill any gaps by providing coaches and private buses.

Engineers reject any part in pay contract

From Tim Jones
Hastings

The huge Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers yesterday rejected any commitment to the social contract and will play no part in attempting to formulate a voluntary wages policy.

The decision of the annual conference at Hastings is a serious blow to government hopes of forging a workable agreement on wages with the unions. The union's four TUC General Council members will be instructed to ignore any discussions aimed at strengthening or amending the social contract.

It commits Britain's second largest union to use its 1,400,000 block vote at the TUC congress in September against any attempt to modify unrestrained collective bargaining.

The successful motion from Glasgow "recognizes the serious implications of the social contract as an interference in free collective bargaining and reaffirms the union's opposition to any incomes policy having as its aim wage regulations through interference of any sort".

It continues: "Only when the major means of production, distribution and exchange are socially owned can production investment, distribution of wealth and economic expansion be planned, thus creating the necessary preconditions for a planned policy on wages and salaries."

It was carried by 39 votes to 29, and a motion urging the conference to observe the social contract as endorsed by the TUC last year was lost by 39 votes to 30.

The left wing's victory was a defeat for the president, Mr Hugh Scanlon, who had argued for adhering to the voluntary agreement. He will still be able to attend the meetings with the CBI and other bodies, but will be unable to conduct negotiations pivoted around even a loose prior understanding.

Mr Scanlon said: "It would be disastrous if we were in any way committed to a social contract that envisaged a deterioration rather than a maintenance of living standards. If the price of having to restrict that disaster is to keep with the existing contract then I am for doing it."

Mr Jimmy Reid, the Communist delegate who moved the successful motion, argued that inflation, which hit working people hardest, was "the effect of capitalism in decline".

One delegate, Mr Bill Jordan, declared that the resolution said quite clearly: "let us rat on the Labour Government".

McGahey view: Mr Michael McGahey, communist leader of the Scottish miners, last night welcomed the engineering workers' decision and said he would campaign for the rest of the labour movement to follow suit (Paul Routledge writes from Inverness).

Speaking on the eve of the annual conference of the Scottish area of the National Union of Mineworkers in Inverness, he said: "I welcome the decision of the AUEW conference and I am confident the Scottish miners will also reject the social contract and call for a new policy. I hope the rest of the labour movement comes to the realization of the dangers of the social contract and the need for new economic policies and strategy.

"As an alternative to the social contract there should be a price freeze, control of the outflow of capital from this country; greater investment in British industry; and an expansion of the economy through increased wages and pensions and greater spending on social services."



Striking stable lads picketing at the Royal Ascot races yesterday. Appeal to Mr Foot, photographs, page 4; race meeting report, page 9.

Italian Communists' biggest step in 30 years

From Peter Nichols
Rome, June 17

Italians woke this morning to the task of assessing the significance of the single biggest advance by the Communists in any election here since the Second World War.

There is general agreement that the Communists benefited from the widespread feeling of some sort of change being essential. But the extent of the Communist gains was probably as surprising to the Communists themselves as to their opponents. In terms of popular support as shown in the regional elections (provincial and municipal voting shows the same pattern, if less marked), the Communists are now only about two percentage points behind the governing Christian Democrats.

They emerged as the strongest single party in seven out of the 15 regions in which the elections took place. Their share of the vote brought them first place in many of the big cities, including Bologna, Genoa, Turin, Milan, Florence, Naples, Venice and Rome itself.

These elections were of course only at regional and local government level and ought not, theoretically, to impinge on the fate of the weak minority coalition led by Signor Aldo Moro, which consists of Christian Democrats and Republicans with support from outside the ministerial ranks from the Socialists and Social Democrats.

Indeed, the Government's fate is of almost secondary interest. Its immediate destiny will be decided in party meetings called later this week to examine the results.

Far more important now is that the Communists for the first time can make their views known with greater authority because they are now more deeply entrenched than they have ever been in local affairs.

REGIONAL ELECTION RESULTS

	1975	1970
Christian Democrats	35.2	37.9
Communists	33.6	27.9
Socialists	12	10.4
MSI (far right)	5.4	5.2
Social Democrats	5.6	7
Republicans	3.1	2.9
Liberals	2.8	4.7
Others	1.8	3.6

All the above figures in percentages

Moreover, nationally they can claim that they attracted the largest share of the young people's votes and those of the disgruntled and the frustrated.

The Christian Democrats lost ground themselves as well as seeing their opponents gain. For them, as in Venice, not only is the sea rising. But the land is also sinking. It was their third serious defeat in little more than a year, after the attempt in May, 1974, to abolish divorce, followed by the Sardinian regional elections. They remain the biggest single party in the country, but with such a run of setbacks after three decades of power they have for the moment clearly lost the initiative to the Communists.

The left-wing press tonight is speaking of more than a victory: "Italy has changed", states one of the headlines. But the prospect is not altogether easy for the Left. As the Rome newspaper *Il Messaggero* points out, they must, as a result of *their victory*, "take on new and graver responsibilities". Their role is seen as being to convince the Christian Democrats to adopt a policy of reforms.

The Christian Democrats may still challenge the assertion that Italy has changed, as they did after the divorce result. But for all their claims this morning that they remain the hinge of the democratic system, they can hardly escape the fact

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Correspondent

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Mr Wilson rejects surrender to claim

By Hugh Noyes
Parliamentary Correspondent
Westminster

Mr Wilson yesterday threw the weight of the Government behind the British Railways Board in its resistance to the claim by the National Union of Railwaymen for pay rises of up to 35 per cent.

To the astonishment of some MPs in the Commons, he placed the credibility and prestige of the Government at stake when he made clear that he is prepared to risk the serious damage to the economy a rail strike would cause rather than surrender to the demands of the union.

Mr Wilson uncharacteristically, left himself almost no room for manoeuvre when he told the House that the Government could not possibly go along with the claim or with negotiations aimed at getting anything like it.

His message clearly was that the union could expect at most no more than marginal improvements on the arbitration award of 27.5 per cent.

"We have explained to them", the Prime Minister said, "that although the consequences of a strike in support of their claim would be very, very costly to the country both at home and abroad, particularly for the travelling public and the movement of essential goods, the acceptance of a doctrine involving acceding to that claim would be even more damaging."

Until yesterday, Mr Wilson had not committed himself when questioned in the Commons on the rail dispute. Indeed, almost until the last he seemed to be resisting the temptation to lay his cards on the table.

He told an earlier questioner that the Government wished to reach agreement by consent, not confrontation. Any fool could get a settlement by confrontation.

But when Mr Prior, Opposition spokesman on employment, suggested that it would be more accurate to say that any fool could get a settlement by surrender, the Prime Minister disclosed what the union had been told. The Government cannot now retreat without serious loss of face.

Earlier, Mr Wilson was more complacent as he answered questions from the Labour left on the Industry Bill. He assured Mr Eric Heffer that the Bill and its implementation would fully accord with the election manifesto and the White Paper.

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Four weeks holiday for all is EEC goal

From Michael Hornsby
Luxembourg, June 17

Social affairs ministers of the European Economic Community agreed today to aim at introducing a 40-hour working week and four weeks paid holiday a year throughout the Nine by the end of 1978 and sooner if possible.

The European Commission had proposed that the 40-hour week should become law by the end of this year and four weeks paid holiday by the end of next, but Britain and West Germany opposed this more rapid timetable.

The British delegation today was led by Mrs Barbara Castle, a noted anti-marketeer and Secretary of State for Social Services, who was making her *Community debut*.

The 40-hour week is close to being realized in many EEC countries, though only in France is it on the statute book. Britain and Germany both argued that the cost of introducing four weeks' paid holiday could not be justified in the current economic situation. At present, the average annual holiday in Britain is three and a half weeks. The average elsewhere in the Community is four and a half.

After some discussion, all the EEC countries agreed on the longer timetable, with the exception of Italy which wanted the end of 1976 to be set as the target date for the attainment of both the working week and annual holiday recommendations.

The ministers also had before them Commission proposals for "ensuring equal treatment for men and women where access to employment, vocational training-promotion and working conditions are concerned". This was a subject of particular interest to Mrs Castle.

After gently chiding EEC officialdom for the dearth of women among its senior ranks, Mrs Castle went on to say that she was seriously concerned about the implications of extending the principle of non-discrimination of social security provisions. Britain had *different retirement ages for men* and women, and to advance the retiring age for men from 65 to 60 years would cost £1,400m extra in pensions.

A too rigid enforcement of equal treatment would also mean an end to Britain's discrimination in favour of women, as in the payment of family allowances to the mother rather than the father.

Mrs Castle *apparently found* her first EEC meeting more agreeable than expected. She said she believed that she had "struck up a friendship" with her EEC colleagues that would last and bear fruit.

Franco veteran named to oversee parties

From Harry Debelius
Madrid, June 17

General Franco today brought one of his most enduring former ministers back into the Government as Minister of the National Movement, the department which oversees the narrow spectrum of officially recognized political organizations in Spain.

General Franco's choice, Señor José Solis Ruiz, served in the same post from 1957 to 1969, and also doubled for part of that time as minister in charge of the regime's trades unions. He takes over a post left vacant last Thursday when the previous minister, Señor Fernando Herrero Tejedor, was killed in a traffic accident.

Madrid, June 17.—Señor Solis, who is 62, will be responsible for vetting the groups applying for recognition as political associations under a new law. Political observers said that his appointment was likely to increase opposition distrust of the Government's promises of a freer political climate.

He is one of the promoters of a right-wing political association, the Union of the People, which observers believe could develop into the most important pro-Franco political force.

In a vote which may have a strong impact on Spanish politics, underground left-wing labour groups have scored heavy gains in nationwide trades union elections involving more than 8 million workers, opposition labour sources said today.

The claimed a landslide victory for Marxist-directed groups in contests in Madrid and Barcelona.—Reuter and UPI.

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l leaders declined to ail about yesterday's talks or whether they are hopeful of concessions. But the demeanour of the CBI delegation when it left Downing Street seemed to suggest a modest optimism on its part that Mr Wilson will be able to make some concessions.

His difficulty will be to find a solution that will go some way towards meeting industry's demand while not causing too much dissension in the TUC and the left wing of the Labour Party.

The CBI has been pressing consistently for the past few months for significant changes to the Bill. In particular, it wants the Prime Minister to erase the compulsory disclosure provisions and to tone down the powers of the National Enterprise Board.

It is thought that a change in the disclosure provisions is one of the more likely concessions.

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Own Correspondent
June 17

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The consummation of the union is still some time away. The result will now be submitted to Congress and President for ratification.

At that point, new self-governing mechanisms would become operative. They would include a constitutional convention and elections, perhaps next year. The sovereignty issue will probably be settled when the United Nations mandate expires in 1981.

Industrial output almost back to 3-day week level

Britain's industrial output is now nearly back to what it was during the three-day week at the beginning of 1974, according to figures published by the Government yesterday. This provides an ominous pointer to the future trend in the level of unemployment. With consumer spending now falling and the demand for industry's products at a low level it seems certain that companies must reduce their work forces still further.

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Healey pledge to CBI

A new policy under which industry and trade unions will be taken far more closely into the Government's confidence is expected to get Whitehall approval next month. Mr Healey, the Chancellor, told an NEDC meeting yesterday that he agreed in principle with TUC and CBI submissions that the Government should be more forthcoming with economic information.

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Lucan 'contract to kill'

Lord Lucan said that his wife had frequently accused him of hiring somebody to kill her, a family friend told the Westminster coroner yesterday. The inquest on Mrs Sandra Rivett, the nursemaid found battered to death in November, was told of a visit Lord Lucan paid on the night of his disappearance.

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Rape review promised

Mr Jenkins, Home Secretary, yesterday promised that a working party would be set up to review the Law Lords' recent ruling on rape. He said the Government would support the private member's Bill to negate the ruling sponsored by Mr Jack Ashley, MP for Stoke-on-Trent, South.

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Stonehouse dead men's accounts disclosed

The transfer of thousands of pounds by Mr John Stonehouse from Switzerland and Britain to accounts he opened in Australia under the names of two dead men was described yesterday by bank officials in a Melbourne magistrates' court. Their evidence was given during the resumed extradition hearing against the former Labour Government minister and his secretary, Mrs Sheila Buckley.

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A pledge on Portugal

Captain Vasco Lourenço, spokesman for Portugal's revolutionary council, has given a guarantee that the council has no intention of installing a military government in the country.

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HOME NEWS

Mr Jenkins promises a review of the Lords' rape ruling

By a Staff Reporter

An independent working group is to be set up to examine the Law Lords' recent ruling on rape, Mr Jenkins, the Home Secretary, said yesterday. He will be willing, in the light of its views, to consider whether a Government Bill should be introduced early in the next session of Parliament.

Under the present law a man who believes he has a woman's consent is not guilty, even if that belief is unreasonable.

Mr Jenkins told a deputation of three MPs, led by Mr Jack Ashley (Labour, Stoke on Trent, South), that in view of public anxiety about the ruling he would appoint a short-term working group of about five people, of both sexes, and from both lay and legal backgrounds, to see if a change in the law was necessary.

He promised support for the proposals contained in Mr Ashley's Sexual Offences (Amendment) Bill, and welcomed his initiative in promoting it. If it failed through lack of time, he would consider putting through legislation based on the working group's recommendations.

Under that Bill, a man who has intercourse with a woman without her consent and without reasonable belief in her consent would be guilty of rape.

Mr Jenkins said the criminal law revision committee would undertake a comprehensive review of the law relating to sexual offences.

Mr Ashley said: "These decisive steps by the Home Secretary could mean we shall have a new law of rape in the near future, whether it is through my private members' Bill or special Government legislation. Mr Jenkins has responded urgently and magnanimously to the anxieties expressed by women and men, and they will be relieved by his actions."

The Home Office is to have discussions with Mr Ashley on his Bill and "as far as practicable provide him with assistance".

Government accused of bludgeon tactics

By Our Political Correspondent

"For doctrinaire reasons the Government is intent on pushing through the controversial Community Land Bill without amendment or adequate discussion", Mr Hugh Rossi, Opposition frontbench spokesman on housing and land, said last night when he protested at the way the Commons standing committee had been compelled to consider the details of the Bill.

Mr Rossi said the Bill had the most serious implications. "It gives local authorities first the power and then the duty to take over any site for which planning permission is necessary", he said. Many representations had been made by outside bodies, including churches and charities. Already the committee had had two continuous all-night sittings, each lasting more than 27 hours.

"This is not a sensible way to discuss such a complex and detailed measure", Mr Rossi said. "So we offered the Government the opportunity of sitting three days a week from 10.30 am until the House rises at 10 pm or midnight, instead of two days a week right through the night. The Government has turned down this reasonable proposal."

He felt the offer would enable the committee to make progress on a complicated measure which many informed people believed required substantial alteration. "The Government have refused our overtures because they desire to finish the committee stage on a guaranteed date early in July", he said. "We are not in a position to give such a date and properly to discharge our duty as an Opposition."

"The Government are clearly determined to wear us down by keeping us up at 27 hours at a stretch two days a week until they get their way. This can only mean that proper discussion by clear, fresh minds will be impeded."

Eight Conservative MPs who are serving on the standing committee tabled a Commons motion deploring "the methods by which the Government is forcing the Community Land Bill through standing committee". They say the extremely long sessions MPs are compelled to attend mean that they are too tired to discuss the complex and detailed provisions properly, apart from the difficult position in which those arrangements place interested members of the press and public, who cannot be expected to work such unsocial hours.

Rare harmony among Ulster politicians as Convention gets down to work

From Christopher Walker
Belfast

Common dislike of distant rule from an uncaring Westminster, a shared Ulster identity and disgust at the continuing campaign of sectarian killing yesterday brought Northern Ireland's opposing politicians together in a rare display of accord.

The occasion was the first substantive debate to be staged on the floor of the new constitutional convention, which has settled down to its task of discussing a future form of government, after six weeks spent in devising its own rules.

Instead of the undignified wrangling that marked the old Assembly, the proceedings began with a good-humoured and often emotional discussion on a proposal agreed in advance by 76 of the 78 elected members.

As a sign of the spirit of good will in the air, even if temporarily, the motion, which was originally drafted by the predominantly Roman Catholic Social Democratic and Labour Party (SDLP), was proposed by Mr Harry West, one of the three leaders of the powerful Loyalist Coalition.

It was deliberately non-contentious after an informal agreement between leaders of the two main power blocks to postpone discussion of the main points of disagreement such as power-sharing and the Irish dimension until later.

The motion stated: "That this convention commits itself to devising a system of government for Northern Ireland which will have most widespread acceptance throughout the community: declares its abhorrence of violence from all sources and looks forward to open political negotiations within the convention."

Although not designed to result in startling new suggestions during the three days it will be debated, the very existence of an agreed motion was an indication of the change in atmosphere since the loyalists' landslide election victory. Political observers are aware that the real difficulties have not disappeared, but among government officials the change was one of the more welcome signs seen in Northern Ireland in recent months.

Mr Oliver Napier, leader of the moderate Alliance Party, yesterday expressed a view that was repeated often by other speakers: "As the weeks of this Convention go by, I become more and more hopeful, I could say more and more confident, that it will succeed."

Earlier Mr Harry West paid a glowing tribute to the SDLP in terms that have not been heard from the "loyalist" benches in Stormont for many years. He went on to emphasize the distaste felt by politicians throughout Northern Ireland's political spectrum for the continuation of direct rule.

"There is a widespread desire for a form of government that can give expression to our sense of identity and anything that goes counter to that would not have the widespread acceptability that is needed," he said.

Mr Gerard Fitt, the SDLP leader replied by expressing his own optimism about the Convention's chances of producing some kind of agreed solution. He then listed a number of issues on which he said all sides could agree, including a rejection of total integration with the United Kingdom and a firmly shared conviction that Northern Ireland's difficulties could be understood only by Ulstermen.

Mr Rees, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, announced yesterday that 11 more republican detainees were to be released from the Maze prison at Long Kesh. That brings the number of men still held without trial to 285, the smallest total for the past four years.

By late last night the Army believed that it had discovered many of the weapons stolen from an Ulster Defence Regiment depot on Monday hidden in a deep slurry pit near Maghera, co Londonderry. More than 200 weapons were stolen and suspicion is growing that the robbery, at the town of Magherafelt, was the work of Protestant extremists.

Three hundred extra soldiers had been drafted into the area

Thousands teachers still lookin for jobs

By Tim Devlin
Education Correspondent

Thousands of trained te coming out of the colleg still looking for jobs- little more than two before term begins.

Preliminary findings f unpublished survey b National Union of T indicate that the num about 12,000. That is two-fifths of the 30,000 out of the colleges and sity departments of ed who, it is estimated, wanting teaching jobs. number might be as 14,500.

A spokesman for t Department of Educatio Science said yesterday was far too early to re final conclusions about supply.

In a parliamentary answer, Mr Mulley, t Secretary of State for tion and Science, sa department had recen out to colleges and depa a list of local authorit teaching vacancies for ber.

He added: "It is local authorities to dec many teachers to emplo rate support grant neg for 1975-76 had allowe continuing improvem pupil/teacher ratios taken account of this s output of trained teacl

The department said list was not comprehe that 50 of the 104 authorities in Engla Wales were listed a vacancies in a wide subjects.

Mr G. C. Woods, re Goldsmiths' College, estimated that about r of his final year stud jobs. Mr William Principal of Charlott College in Ambleside, said that half his stu got appointments. H that students had foun harder to get jobs than last.

Other colleges spok difficulties students ha ing jobs in primary s Wales. The Inner Lon cation Authority sta cruiting primary sch ers last month.

Rise for lecturers 60,000 lecturers in c further education and nics are to get an av rise of 20 per cent. ciation of Teachers in Institutions announce day (the Press Assoc ports). Lecturers at end of the scale wi creases as high as 3 because of the minim £600.

Union leader says 'Forget pay differentials just now'

Trade unions should consider making pay differentials less sacrosanct at present, Mr Robert Vickerstaff, president, told the annual conference of the Confederation of Health Service Employees at Blackpool yesterday.

The Government had kept its side of the social contract, he said, and it was up to the unions to fulfil theirs. Severe breaches could lead only to hurting workers themselves.

He referred to the suggestion that the Government, the CBI and the TUC should determine what amount of the gross national product should be set aside each year for wage increases, across the board, rather than percentage increases, and said that while that was being investigated unions might well consider making differentials less sacrosanct.

"There are far too many employees in the health service, and, indeed, in other industries, who do not have bonus schemes, who do not work overtime or receive any other premium payments, who are finding it increasingly difficult to survive on a £30 basic", he said.

"If it means that to give them extra, those at the top have to be satisfied with less, then so be it."

Mr Vickerstaff said the TUC motto was "one for all and all for one". He wondered what had happened to that sentiment.

Of inflation, he said: "The people of this country have no wish to live with inflation and are willing to be led to greater prosperity. If the Government provides the leadership, then we, the people, the workers, will follow."

Dr Owen, Minister of State, Department of Health and Social Security, made a plea at the conference for workers not to oppose the spirit of the social contract.

"If you do, then in the last analysis the Government will have to put the national interest first. It will have to decide in isolation the recipe for achieving the right decisions", he said.

Price freeze demand: The chances of leaders of the TUC and the Confederation of British Industry agreeing on a new voluntary pay policy at their meeting tonight receded yesterday when one of the country's largest unions demanded a three-month price freeze from September.

The executive of the General and Municipal Workers' Union reiterated its view that recession rather than inflation is the present economic priority and called on the TUC to make reducing unemployment its main aim.

It also called for the development of an effective planning framework for industry

Corrupt police not jailed long enough, judge says

Sentences given to corrupt police officers may not have been heavy enough, a judge at the Central Criminal Court said yesterday.

Det Constable Keith Diss, aged 32, of Crescent Road, Hornsey, London and James Burton, aged 49, chairman of Stevenage Athletic Football Club, of Eversley Park Road, Winchmore Hill, London, were each jailed for two years for conspiring to pervert the course of justice.

Judge King-Hamilton, QC, said: "I find nothing more distressing than having to pass a prison sentence on a police officer."

He was astonished that previous cases of police corruption had not acted as a deterrent. "It seems to indicate sentences have not been heavy enough. Every conviction of a police officer tends to lessen the public's confidence in the police force. It not only shames your colleagues, but it means the task of the overwhelming number of honest policemen is that much greater."

Both men denied the charge. It was said that Mr Burton was cleared of a charge involving forged Spanish banknotes in September, 1973, after plotting his acquittal with the detective.

A currency purchase form with a false address signed by Mr Burton was switched before the trial began, Mr Michael Coombe, for the prosecution said.

Constable Diss had been in charge of the case. He denied taking money from Mr Burton to give evidence at the trial aimed at an acquittal.

The judge said there was no evidence that the form-switching involved any financial or other reward.

TV chimps shot dead

Two chimpanzees used in television and films were shot dead yesterday after they had escaped from Southam Zoo, Warwickshire, and attacked a man near an infants' school.

Mr Naurice Clews, brother of the zoo's owner, was attacked when he cornered the chimpanzees in a house next to St Mary's Roman Catholic school. He was treated for bites after kicking out and breaking away from them.

A police marksman shot one in the street and the other in the school playground. A spokesman said: "We had to think of the children."

Unused churches invite vandals, owners are told

By Our Religious Affairs Correspondent

Unnecessary delay in disposing of churches no longer used for worship encourages vandalism, the Advisory Board for Redundant Churches states in its annual report published yesterday. The report says:

Once again we draw the attention of all diocesan authorities to the disastrous effects of delay in declaring churches redundant once they have been closed for worship. Redundancy blight, like planning blight, affords an invitation to vandals, who are always inclined to make a target of untidy, neglected buildings.

Church authorities are advised to keep redundant buildings in good order. The neglect of essential repairs to a redundant church is described as a foolish economy because it might hamper the sale or lease.

The board also complains that some local authorities take a too narrow and legalistic view of the reuse of a redundant church, sometimes forbidding the conversion of the building to domestic use because that does not conform to their plans.

Coach death toll 10

Another woman injured in the coach crash in Dumfriesshire on Monday has died, bringing the death toll to 10. She was Rose Watts, aged 67, of Manor Hill, Brighton.

Spacecraft films of Mercury show giant cliffs

By Pearce Wright
Science Correspondent

Analyses of pictures relayed from the planet Mercury are providing scientists with evidence of the early evolution of the Earth and other parts of the solar system. The photographs show geological formations that were almost certainly present on the Earth millions of years ago but were obliterated by volcanic upheaval.

The first details of the research and its significance for understanding the creation of the planets have been given by a group under Dr Lionel Wilson specializing in lunar and planetary sciences at Lancaster University.

Dr Wilson's group is using a method known as photoclinometry to measure the profiles and heights of hills, craters, ridges and cliffs: the process depends on assessing subtle changes in brightness of the ground and rocks on the pictures.

A feature regarded as one of the most important to emerge from this investigation is the presence of many giant scarps, or cliffs, up to 10,000ft high and 300 miles long. Dr Wilson suggests that they have been formed in many instances as the planet has shrunk and the rocks pushed up to overlap each other.

Mr Sheldon promoted at Treasury

By Our Political Staff

The promotion of Mr Sheldon, aged 51, from Minister of State to Financial Secretary, Treasury, at the same salary of £9,500, was announced from 10 Downing Street yesterday.

Mr Denzil Davies, aged 36, MP for Llanelli, parliamentary private secretary to Mr Morris, Secretary of State for Wales, for the past year, is promoted from the back benches to take Mr Sheldon's place.

Mr Davies, a barrister, was first elected to Parliament in 1970 and was a member of the Select Committee on Corporation Tax. He has been a member of the Public Accounts Committee since April, 1974.

Councillor who took £600 bribe jailed

Thomas Herron, aged 51, a councillor of Whickham, near Gateshead, Tyne and Wear, was jailed for a year yesterday when he was found guilty of accepting a £600 bribe. Cyril Rance, aged 67, a former managing director of Felpham, Sussex, was jailed for nine months for giving him the money. Mr Rance's sentence will be concurrent with a 12-month term he is already serving for bribing another councillor.

The £600 was handed over to Mr Herron in return for help in winning a £750,000 contract for Rance's company, Carlton Contractors, of Epsom, it was alleged at Newcastle upon Tyne Crown Court.

Mr Wilfred Steer, for the defence of Mr Rance, said his client was not the ultimate paymaster. Mr Stephen Rich, for Mr Herron, said he would not have fallen had he not come across a third man, Maurice Byrne, a former mayor of Pontefract and at one time Carlton's public relation's officer. Mr Byrne, who gave evidence at the trial, had links with the T. Dan Smith organization and is serving a two-and-a-half year sentence for corruption.

Mr Justice Caulfield told Mr Herron that as a councillor he had obviously done a vast amount of good work. "You must be full of utter remorse and hatred of the man who tempted you", he said.

£100,000 so for research on 'cot deat

By Neville Hodgkinso

An appeal for £1 develop promising li search into the cause deaths" was launched at the annual meeti Foundation for the Infant Deaths, a char in 1971 to investigat seminate informatic such deaths.

Every year in Bri two thousand babies tween one week and die suddenly in thei two-thirds of such doctors are unable tc cause.

Research has prod that demand further tion. One of the mo ing theories was o last night's meeting sor G. S. Dawes, of t Institute for Medical Oxford.

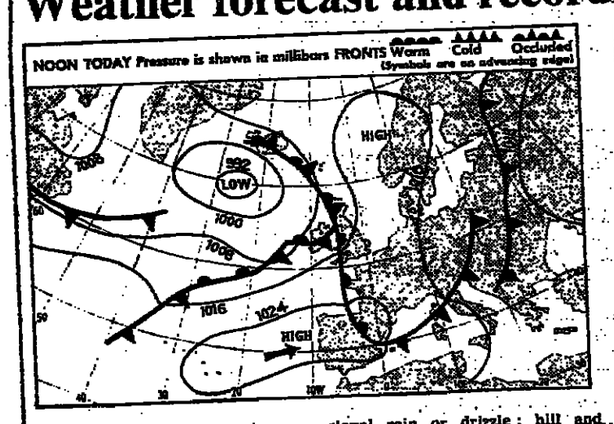
He said there w systems in animals mal function was to air passages after which when excited fancy could cause suc The response was as in cot deaths, an triggered by the i into the larynx of glucose solution.

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Correction

The caption under graph published on wrongly stated that st in a lecture theatre in University's geograph They were, in fact, Faculty of Arts facility

Weather forecast and recordings





Today

Sun rises: 4.43 am. Sun sets: 9.21 pm
Moon sets: 1.18 am. Moon rises: 3.38 pm
Full Moon: June 23.
Lighting up: 9.51 pm to 4.13 am.
High water: London Bridge, 9.26 am, 6.6m (21.8ft); 9.47 pm, 6.5m (21.3ft). Avonmouth, 2.29 am, 11.5m (37.7ft); 3.12 pm, 11.3m (37.2ft). Dover, 6.48 am, 5.8m (19.1ft); 7.12 pm, 6.0m (19.8ft). Hull, 1.34 am, 6.2m (20.5ft); 1.49 pm, 6.6m (21.5ft). Liverpool, 6.49 am, 8.3m (27.1ft); 7.32 pm, 8.1m (26.6ft).

Pressure will be low to NW of British Isles and troughs of low pressure will move E across many districts.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight: London, SE, central S, E England, E Midlands, East Anglia: Mostly dry, sunny intervals, rather cloudy later; wind SW, light or moderate; max temp 20 to 21°C (68 to 70°F).

Channel Islands, SW England, S Wales: Mostly cloudy, occasional rain or drizzle; hill and coast fog patches; wind SW, moderate; max temp 17 to 18°C (63 to 64°F).

W Midlands, N Wales, NW England, Lake District: Mainly cloudy, occasional rain or drizzle spreading from W; wind SW, moderate; max temp 17 to 18°C (63 to 64°F).

Isle of Man, SW, NW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll, N Ireland: Cloudy, occasional rain or drizzle, becoming brighter with showers; wind SW to S, moderate or fresh; max temp 16 to 17°C (61 to 63°F).

Central N, NE England, Borders: Bright early, becoming cloudy, rain spreading from W; wind SW, moderate; max temp 18°C (64°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: Mainly dry and warm, sunny periods in SE; rather cloudy with rain at times and temp near normal in N and W.

Sea passages: S North Sea, Strait of Dover, English Channel (E): wind SW, light or moderate; sea slight.

St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind SW moderate or fresh; sea slight to moderate.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max, 7 am to 7 pm, 20°C (68°F); min, 7 pm to 7 am, 12°C (54°F). Humidity, 7 pm, 68 per cent. Rain, 24 hr to 7 pm, .05. Sun, 24 hr to 7 pm, 5.8 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 7 pm, 1,013.7 millibars, rising. 1,000 millibars=29.53 in.

At the resorts

24 hours to 6 pm, June 17

	Sun hrs	Rain in.	Max temp °C	Max temp °F	
E COAST					
Scarboro	7.4	.02	18	59	Showers
Bridlington	7.9	.05	15	59	Shwr am
Cleethorpes	7.2	.10	16	61	Rain
Margate	15.3	—	16	61	Sunny
S COAST					
Hastings	6.2	—	11	77	65 Thdr pm
Brighton	11.7	—	18	16	61 Thdr pm
Bognor R	10.9	—	20	68	Sun pds
Southsea	8.5	—	19	66	Sun pds
Sandown	11.0	—	19	66	Thdr pm
Exmouth	11.1	.01	19	66	Shwr pm
Torquay	9.2	—	19	66	Sun pds
W COAST					
Morecambe	14.9	—	18	64	Sunny
Blackpool	12.5	—	18	61	Sun bts

Overseas selling prices

Austria, Sch 15; Belgium, BFr 25; Denmark, Dkr 2.50; Finland Fmk 2.50; France, Fr 2.00; Germany DMk 1.75; Greece, Dr 30; Holland, Dfl 1.75; Italy, Lire 400; Luxembourg, Lr 15; Madeira, Esc 18; Malta, 9ct; Norway, Kr 4.00; Portugal, Esc 17.50; Spain, Pes 90; Sweden, Kr 3.50; Switzerland, Scr 2.00; USA, Canada, $1.00; Yugoslavia, Din 20.

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun; th, thunder.

	C	F		C	F		C	F
Algiers	s	27	81	Cologne	r	19	66	L Palmas	f	27	79	New York	c	22	72
Ajaccio	s	14	57	Copenhagen	r	14	57	Lisbon	f	19	66	Nice	s	24	75
Amsterdam	r	14	57	Dublin	r	13	55	Locarno	r	17	63	Nicosia	s	33	91
Athens	s	32	90	Edinburgh	r	13	55	London	c	17	63	Oslo	r	17	63
Barcelona	s	21	70	Florence	s	24	75	Luxembourg	r	15	59	Paris	c	18	64
Beirut	s	32	90	Funchal	s	24	75	Madrid	c	18	64	Reykjavik	c	11	52
Belfast	r	13	55	Geneva	s	24	75	Majorca	s	27	81	Rome	s	27	81
Berlin	r	21	70	Gibraltar	s	22	72	Malaga	s	28	82	Stockholm	r	13	55
Biarritz	s	15	59	Guernsey	r	13	55	Malta	s	29	84	Tel Aviv	s	31	88
Birmingham	r	16	61	Helsinki	r	15	59	Manchester	r	15	59	Venice	s	27	81
Bristol	r	16	61	Innsbruck	r	19	66	Moscow	r	15	59	Vienna	r	19	66
Brussels	r	15	59	Istanbul	s	25	77	Munich	r	18	64	Warsaw	r	17	63
Budapest	s	28	82	Jersey	r	15	59	Nantes	s	22	72	Zurich	r	17	63
Cardiff	r	15	59												

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ucan said he had fre- been accused by his hiring a man to kill iend of the family told ester Coroner's Court y. Mrs Susan Maxwell- f Grants Hill House, Sussex, was giving evi- the second day of the into the death of Mrs Rivett, aged 29, nurse the three children of d Lady Lucan, who was attered to death seven ago.

said that Lord Lucan at her house late on the November 7. He looked dishevelled and she a damp patch on the his trousers. She con-

he had been walking past 's house on his way to for dinner. Through the blinds in the basement what looked like a man his wife. He had been me it was an unbeliev- cidence. He often passed e and sometimes went in f the children were all let himself in the front h his own key and went the basement. He said d in a pool of blood at om of the stairs. Then he had seen attacking ran off. . His wife was in blood and was very d.

Did he say anything further about what his wife had said?

Mrs Maxwell-Scott: She cried out to him that someone had murdered Sandra and in the same breath accused him of having hired the man to kill her. Lucan said this was something she frequently accused him of, saying that there was a contract to kill her. He said this was something she had got from an American television film. He said he tried to calm her down and took her upstairs. I think Lady Lucan indicated to him the nanny in the sack. He described to me the basement area as being horrific, covered in blood and he assumed she was in the sack. I assumed he was squeamish and did not want to look too closely.

Mrs Maxwell-Scott said Lord Lucan then asked if he might telephone his mother to see if his children were with her. He also borrowed some notepaper and envelopes and wrote two letters to Mr William Shand Kydd.

I tried to persuade him to stay the night but he said he must, and he stressed "must", get back to clear things up and sort things out. He left and I have not seen or heard from him since.

Coroner: Did you see the car he left in?—It was a dark saloon.

Professor Keith Simpson, the pathologist, said Mrs Rivett died of head injuries, consistent with having been inflicted by a piece of lead piping found in the house.

Two pieces of lead piping, both bound with white adhesive tape, were shown to the jury. One heavily bloodstained, was found in the basement of the Lucan home in Lower Belgrave Street, Westminster. The other piece was found in the boot of a car nearly 60 miles away, Det Chief Supt Roy Ranson, who is in charge of the investigation, said.

He told Dr Gavin Thurston, the coroner, that he had had information that the dark blue saloon car found abandoned in Newhaven, Sussex, had been borrowed by Lord Lucan from a friend three weeks earlier.

Mr William Shand Kydd gave evidence of receiving two letters written by Lord Lucan, his brother-in-law, which had smears of blood on the envelopes. In one, Lord Lucan told him that a sale of his silver was to be held at Christie's and the proceeds would pay off a £14,000 overdraft.

The Dowager Lady Lucan, Lord Lucan's mother, said that on the night of November 7 she received a telephone call at her home in St John's Wood, London, from her son, who said there had been a terrible catastrophe.

Later, he rang again. "I asked him what he was planning to do but I got nowhere."

I also said "I have the police with me now, do you want to speak to them?" He hesitated, and replied: "No, I'll ring them in the morning and I'll also telephone you." He sounded more on all fours, more solid than when he telephoned earlier. On that occasion he sounded in a highly shocked condition.

The inquest resumes today.

Burton tent tomb is declared open

By a Staff Reporter

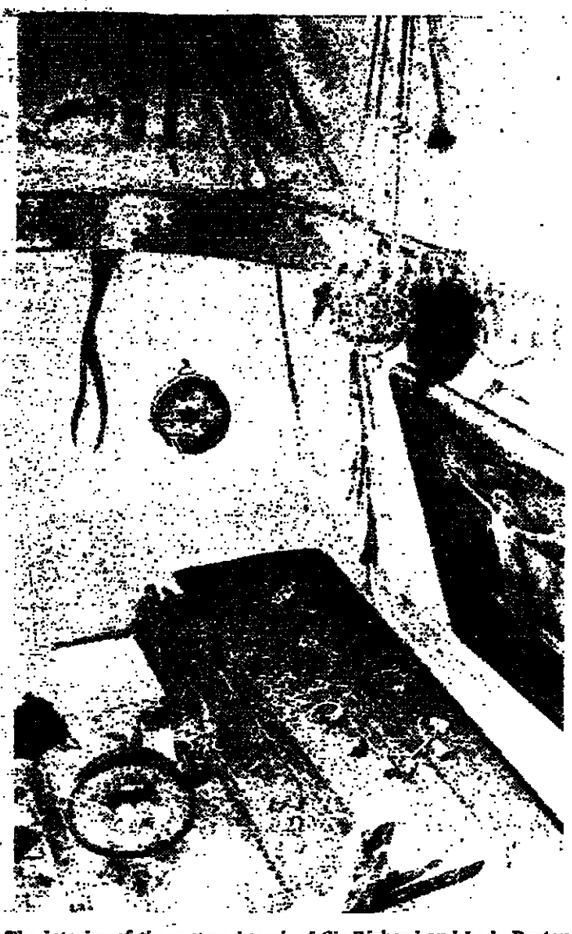
The Mayor of Richmond upon Thames, Alderman Ronald Stevens, yesterday usurped the function of the Last Trump and declared a tomb open.

It is an unexpected monument to find in a suburban cemetery, being built in the shape of a large Beduin tent and decorated with Muslim emblems. The tomb, of Sir Richard Burton, Victorian explorer, writer and poet, and his wife, is listed by the Department of the Environment as a building of historical and architectural importance.

Enthusiasts for Burton raised £2,000 to restore the exterior. They are now appealing for another £2,000 and more to restore the equally exotic interior.

The moving spirit in the resurrection of the Burtons' tomb was Mrs Margaret Lee, a local housewife and the wife of Mr John Lee, a Labour MP. She said yesterday: "If you see that something needs to be done, such as restoring an important ruined tomb, the thing is to go ahead and do it, and ignore those who pour cold water on the idea."

After his death in 1890 Lady Burton offered her husband for burial in Westminster Abbey, but was told that there was no more room. So she built her Beduin tent in the cemetery of St Mary Magdalen, Mortlake. Among its many exotic trappings, an electrical system illuminated the interior



The interior of the restored tomb of Sir Richard and Lady Burton, opened at Mortlake yesterday.

Sir Keith Joseph joins call for Bill of Rights

By Marcel Berlins
Legal Correspondent

Sir Keith Joseph has joined the growing clamour for a Bill of Rights. It was necessary, he said, "to save the law from Parliament, and Parliament from itself".

Outlining his proposals in a pamphlet published today by the Conservative Political Centre, Sir Keith, who is a barrister, said that a Bill would first outline the division of powers, as far as possible restoring to the courts their function of the protection of the individual and corporate bodies.

Secondly, a Bill of Rights would provide a self-imposed restraint on Parliament and would subject it to the rule of law. It could perhaps also divide parliamentary functions into categories of importance, and lay down different scales of majorities needed to justify them.

"Major changes would surely need parliamentary majorities reflecting a majority of the nation", he said. The socialists could hardly cavil at this when they themselves demanded a referendum on the EEC issue. A constitutional court would be needed to scrutinize legislation for compliance with the Bill of Rights, he suggests.

Sir Keith called for the safeguard of a Bill because "the law is becoming a party-political football".

He said: "Highly political, controversial and far-reaching legislation abrogating traditional rights is churned out by Parliament unceasingly. Governments who received a minority of the poll, and even smaller minority of all citizens, use the majesty of the law to dress up their prejudices and panic expedients."

That had inevitably undermined respect for the law in general. "If some people or groups, be they trade unions or ratepayers, can enjoy widespread sympathy when they defy politically unpopular laws, the next step is for people to defy any laws they find inconvenient", he said.

Freedom under the law (Conservative Political Centre, 35p).

£2,500 book theft at fair

A book valued at £2,500 was stolen within an hour of the Antiquarian Book Fair's opening at a London hotel yesterday. The thief evaded security guards at the fair, at which 25,000 books are on show.

Apparently he got through a door at the far side of the exhibition hall, that has to be kept open because of fire precautions.

The book, *Les Mécaniques de Galileo*, published in Paris in 1634, was one of the most valuable at the fair. It was on the stand of Helmut Schumann, a Zurich bookseller.

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revolution in women's ade possible by im- birth control would be ined by the Abortion lment) Bill, the Com- Party of Great Britain today. It would drive omen back to illegal, ack-street operators, the ays in evidence to the ommittee studying the

vidence points out that sibility that women can when and if to have has been an important the growing pressures l opportunities in edu- nd jobs. It says that is an essential part birth control services, restricted, would cause ion and suffering to disadvantaged women ing abortion more dif- obtain . . . will not he numbers of abor- he evidence says. "The e always made their vate arrangements, and tinue to do so."

omen without the means or private abortions, in- ape victims, girls under unsupported mothers e driven back to the and misery" that exis- ted before the 1967 Abortion Act. The evidence suggests that the Bill, sponsored by Mr James White, Labour MP for Glasgow, Pollok, would not check the abuses of the Act.

It adds: "The fantasy tales of abortion horrors, which have been used to promote the James White Bill, have no relation to the medical needs of women and many have been exposed as falsehoods."

The Lane committee on the working of the Abortion Act had recognized that to amend it in a restrictive way would increase the sum of human suffering, and ill health, and probably drive more women to seek the squalid and dangerous help of back-street abortionists. The evidence supports that view and says the misery abated by the Act far outweighs the abuses of it.

The Communist Party evidence is published four days before mass rallies in London, Scotland and Europe organized by the National Abortion Campaign, which is opposed to the Bill. The London rally is expected to include supporters from France and Holland. Pro-abortion groups in those countries and in Switzerland, Germany and Italy will picket British embassies.

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Record number wish to join Open University

By Tim Devlin
Education Correspondent

The Open University has had 52,551 applications from people who wish to study as from January 1, 1976. It is the highest number of applications received since the university started its courses in 1971.

The applications come at a time when the university faces a record deficit and may have to cut the number of admissions planned for next year from 20,000 to 17,000 or even 16,000.

The university is discussing economy measures, including reductions in the number of students, to confine the deficit within £500,000 in a budget of £12m. It is also trying to resist government pressure to raise the fees for a full-time course from £25 to £40.

Applications for next year's courses closed yesterday. The numbers are 14 up on last year and 17,540 up on the applications for January, 1974.

d Chalfont's warning on apse of UK credit

halfont, former Min- State at the Foreign mmonwealth Office, ning yesterday of a of the credit-worthi- the United Kingdom atter of weeks rather oths" unless drastic measures were taken. ichtime address at the St Lawrence Jewry, y of London, he said: e Arab oil producers, icans and the Swiss e their money out of ry we shall be bank- narter of days."

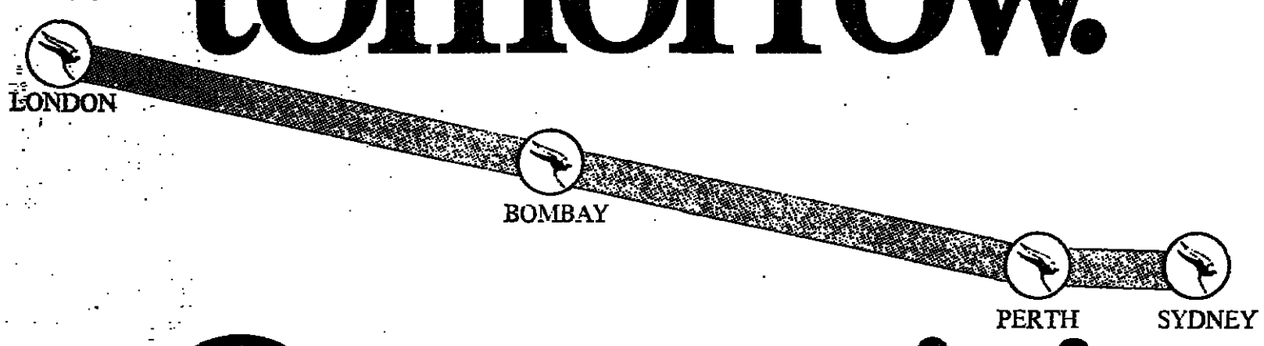
nomic collapse might olitical disaster, Lord said, resulting in nen Marxist govern- an authoritarian administration of the right. In either event, the traditional political freedoms of the British people would be usurped. "Once a people loses faith in its currency it loses faith in its whole political system."

Lord Chalfont, who resigned from the Labour Party last September, struck an optimistic note when he said that the referendum result had provided the country with a great opportunity to play a positive role in international affairs. The very special sense of compassion in the British people which had created the welfare state might, he suggested be extended to embrace the concept of a "welfare world".

to end disaffection Act

y International yes- ged the Government osecutions under the t to Disaffection Act nd to repeal the Act, "an unacceptable on free speech". ganization also ex- oncern at the deten- ut bail of one of 16 persons facing trial under the Act, which outlaws attempts to "seduce any member of her Majesty's forces from his duty or allegiance to her Majesty", and possession of "any document of such a nature that the dissemination of copies thereof among members of her Majesty's forces would constitute such an offence".

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HOME NEWS

Mr Foot urged to set up inquiry into stable lads' dispute

From Martin Huckerby
Ascot

An appeal to Mr Foot, Secretary of State for Employment, to hold an *urgent inquiry* into the stable lads' dispute at Newmarket has been made by Mr Jack Jones, *general secretary* of the Transport and General Workers' Union, in a letter released yesterday.

As the Royal Ascot race meeting got underway, Mr Jones urged the *minister to set up an* inquiry into "the breakdown of industrial relations in the racehorse training *industry in* the Newmarket area". He said that should be done to resolve the present *dispute and to* contribute towards the development of satisfactory employer and trade *union relationships* in the racehorse training industry generally.

The union plea for arbitration in the seven-week-old dispute has been refused by the Newmarket Trainers' Federation, and the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service has been unable to effect a settlement.

Mr Jones said the lads on official strike might now not all be reemployed and that the *federation's actions were creating* delay and frustration.

The Department of Employment said yesterday that Mr Jones's letter would be considered, but there was no indication that an *inquiry* would be ordered in the immediate future.

There have been fears that the frustration might *lead to* disruption at Ascot. About sixty lads picketed the racecourse yesterday, but with *little* effect on the racegoers.

The lads said that some of the lorries delivering champagne and other drinks had turned back at the picket line, but consumption inside the *stands remained* conspicuous. But viewers at home suffered because of the blackout of *television coverage.*

As the horseboxes were unloaded, the lads barracked the *Newmarket-trained horses*, but did not otherwise attempt to interfere. But several said that *if some move was not made* this week to settle the strike people could expect a "French job" at the Gold Cup tomorrow, a reference to the violent disruption by the French *stable* lads during the racing at Chantilly.

About 160 lads are *still on* strike, seeking £1.47 a week more than the £3 a week *increase paid by the Newmarket* trainers. The trainers say there is no more money they can *offer.*







Traditional and Eastern fashion (left) vied with the unusual (centre) on the first day of Royal Ascot. The Prince of Wales walking in the Royal Enclosure (right).

NUJ plans joint union action on 'Observer' crisis

By Our Labour Staff

The National Union of Journalists hopes to form a committee with printing unions to consider a joint policy on the financial crisis at *The Observer*. Representatives of all unions *have been called by the* management to a meeting today.

Mr Robert Norris, national *organizer of the NUJ, said*: "I am not regarding this as purely an NUJ exercise, it involves all unions, which are equally under threat. It is my *hope that we shall be* able to work together."

The NUJ, like other unions, *was told in confidence of the* management's proposals two weeks ago, but the details remained *secret until they were* disclosed by *The Times* yesterday.

A meeting of journalists at the newspaper will be held *tomorrow. The Observer* is estimated to be losing £500,000 a year. The management wants *to reduce staff by about a third.* The main burden is expected to fall on production workers.

New minister questioned about motorway

By a Staff Reporter

Mr John Gilbert, the new Minister for Transport, Depart*ment of the Environment*, yesterday received a letter from Mr Christopher Hall, director *of the Council for the Protection* of Rural England, asking him to give assurances that the Hyde by-pass, now under construction, and the planned Denton relief road do not comprise the first stage of a Manchester-Sheffield M67 motorway.

"*You will be aware* that the suggestion for a Manchester-Sheffield motorway is an ex*tremely controversial one*", Mr Hall wrote. "Such a road, and this is not, I think, in dispute, *would necessarily run across* the Peak National Park."

He expressed concern also that the decision to construct the motorway had been taken by the Department of the Environment before a public inquiry. He claimed that Mr Fred Mulley, *Dr Gilbert's predecessor*, had publicly expressed support for the motorway

Labour group faults leadership

By Penny Symon
Political Staff

The Social Democratic Alliance, the organization of Labour moderates, intends to *hold a rally during the Labour* conference in Blackpool in the autumn, and said yesterday that the party could not go *on papering over its cracks for* ever.

The Alliance was officially *launched* in London yesterday. Its members, councillors, trade unionists, former parliamentary candidates and constituency party officers, feel that the party is sliding *disastrously to* the left.

As its manifesto says, the Alliance *consists of long-standing* members convinced that the party is in danger of being *driven from its historic course* by an intolerable dogmatism alien to socialist tradition.

It has been welcomed by Mr Jenkins, the Home Secretary, and Mr Prentice, Minister for Overseas Development. Other Cabinet ministers, such as Mr Crosland, Secretary of State for *the Environment*, are expected to speak for the Alliance at public meetings. The annual subscription has not been fixed, but contributions are being received, and a regular newsletter is proposed.

The chairman, Mr Peter Stephenson, *editor of Socialist Commentary*, said: "There are genuine differences of opinion, *and the party cannot go on* papering over the cracks for ever. We must have debate, *and this means that from time* to time it will get a bit acrimonious, but we shall try to make it as comradely a discussion as possible."

The *Alliance* has been accused of being coalitionist, but Mr Stephenson said it was arguing against *coalition* because it said that a Labour Party whose policies more *closely reflected what most of* its members and voters were seeking would gain such wide*spread national support that* there need be no more talk of coalition.

"But it is ironic that it should have been Mr Bidwell, *chairman of the Tribune group*, who last week argued that the Prime Minister himself was *pursuing coalitionist policies*", he said. "Mr Bidwell recently appeared with communists on a *political platform organized by* the *Morning Star*.

"This willingness by a few *members of the Labour Party* to blur the differences between us and political forces opposed to the whole democratic system is the real 'coalitionist' problem for our party."

The Alliance's manifesto says national leadership has failed to convey *any real sense of* urgency and convince people that there is a crisis.

"*Those with some degree of* responsibility in the party and the unions have to some extent *sheered away from the main* problems, and there had been a general failure of leadership", Mr Stephenson said.

"We think the only way to solve problems is by persuasion and consent, and we should like to see more debate within the party, for instance, on inflation. A lot is being swept under the carpet.

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Further remand on Cambridge rape charges

A van driver, aged 47, accused of seven offences of rape, one of attempted rape *and one of wounding*, was further remanded in custody until June 26 by Cambridge magis*trates yesterday.*

Peter Samuel Cook appeared in the dock in the Guildhall in the *city centre*. Det Supt Bernard Hotson asked the magistrates to request reporters not to reveal the names of girls allegedly attacked.

Reporting restrictions were not lifted

The charges alleging offences in Cambridge, *are: Rape on* October 18, 1974, in Springfield Road; rape on November 1 in Abbey Road; *attempted rape* on November 11 in Huntingdon Road; rape on November 13 at *Homerton Teacher* Training College; rape on December 8 at Owlestone Road; rape on December 15 at Huntingdon Road; rape on April 13 this year at Marshall Road; rape on May 6 at High Terrace; and on June 8 wounding with *intent to do grievous bodily harm.*

Plant to make ammonia of North Sea gas oppose

From Ronald Faux
Peterhead

A case for building a £50m liquid ammonia plant at Peterhead against the *opposition* of more than five thousands local people was put at the opening *of a public inquiry* in the town yesterday.

Planning permission for the *project*, by Scanitro, a Scandinavian consortium, has been granted by Banff and Buchan District Council. The plant would be built on farmland and a pipeline laid for about two miles to a loading jetty in Peterhead harbour. Objectors say the scheme is hazardous, unsightly and would smell.

The ammonia would be produced from gas from the Frigg field in the Norwegian sector of the North Sea, and landed at St Fergus terminal, north of Peterhead. All production from the plant will be shipped by tanker to Scandinavia and the scheme should provide between 90 and 125 permanent jobs. Supporters of the project say it would contribute substantially to local rates British exports.

The Scottish Council (Development and Industry) the possibility for more coal-based operations area, following the plan.

Objectors include a firm concerned about the of ammonia fumes on able stocks. A food-pro company has also object Ammonia Plant Action organized a petition sig 5,084 people against the of the plant.

Dr Leslie Streatfield, ing chemical engineer the district council, described safety aspects proposed plants. The project, he said, was to established design, and mand for ammonia fo lizer production was steeply. In 1940 pro was three million tons but by 1975 it had rea million tons.

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PUBLIC AND EDUCATIONAL APPOINTMENTS

SWITZERLAND. British co-educational school in the Alps for 250 pupils, 11-18, requires: 1. For September, Housemaster and Coach for boys' house. Wife Housemother. Post preferably combined with "A" level English. 2. For January 1976, EFL Remedial English Teacher. Applicants handwriting with curriculum vitae, testimonials, two referees and phone number (own and referees') to Headmaster, Aiglon College, 1885 Chesières-Villars, Switzerland. Telephone: Chesières (025) 3 27 27. Interviews to be arranged London, July.

SWITZERLAND TEACHERS—Single teachers are invited to submit applications with full c.v. for English, social studies (history, economics, government), mathematics, physical sciences (physics and chemistry), French, German, primary subjects and physical education. Teaching at all levels. Versatility essential. Boarding duties and residence in school are an integral part of contract. Initially for one year, commencing September, 1975. Interviews in London on Friday, June 20, and Saturday, June 21, from 9 a.m. and all day. Contact Mrs. Roche on these days at the Cumberland Hotel, Marble Arch, W.1. Tel. 01-262 1234.

UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

The University of Newcastle Upon Tyne

CHAIR OF ARCHITECTURE

Applications are invited for a Chair of Architecture which has become vacant through the resignation of Professor Wise. There are two Chairs of Architecture and one of Building Science in the Department; one Chair is at present held by Professor Miles Danby, and the Chair of Building Science by Professor Alex Hawkes.

Candidates should possess professional qualifications in architecture in addition to academic qualifications.

The person appointed will have a particular responsibility for the direction of the course for the BA in Architectural Studies.

Salary in accordance with the current Professorial Scale, at present £6,105–£6,981 per annum.

Further particulars may be obtained from the Registrar, The University of Newcastle upon Tyne, 6 Kensington Terrace, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 7RU, with whom applications (15 copies), giving the names of not more than three referees, must be lodged not later than 10th June, 1975. Applicants from outside the British Isles may submit one copy only.

University of St. Andrews

DEPARTMENT OF MORAL PHILOSOPHY

Applications are invited for a

LECTURESHIP

in Moral Philosophy tenable from October 1975. A special interest in Political Philosophy would be an advantage. Salary on scale £2,118 to £4,896 (under review) plus threshold payments; initial appointment probably not higher than £3,585. F.S.S.U./U.S.S. Applications (2 copies) preferable, in typescript with the names of three referees, should be sent by 21st July 1975 to the Establishments Officer of the University, College Gate, St Andrews, Fife, from whom further particulars may be obtained.

University of Warwick

TEMPORARY LECTURESHIP

IN MATHEMATICAL ANALYSIS

Applications are invited for a Temporary Lectureship in Mathematics for one year only, commencing 1st October, 1975. Salary will be at the first point on the Lecturer scale £2,118–£4,896 p.a. (under review) plus threshold payments. Applicants should have recently completed, or be about to complete, a Ph.D. thesis in some branch of Analysis. Application forms from the Academic Registrar, University of Warwick, Coventry CV4 7AL, quoting Ref. No. 45/A 75. Closing date for receipt of applications is 11th July, 1975.

UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

University of Nottingham
MEDICAL SCHOOL

DEPARTMENT OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY

Applications are invited for the post of

LECTURER

in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology in the medical School. The department has now been established for three years under Professor E. M. Symonds.

The first students entered the School in October, 1970, and they graduate in July, 1975. The successful candidate will have an important part to play in the development of the department and in clinical student teaching. An active research programme has been initiated and clinical work is undertaken in the Nottingham hospitals.

The Nottinghamshire Area Health Authority (Teaching) will be prepared to grant appropriate honorary status to the successful candidate in respect of any clinical commitment on the Authority's behalf.

Salary will be on the clinical lecturer scale and superannuation arrangements will be according to individual circumstances. The starting salary will depend on qualifications, age and experience. The successful candidate will be expected to assume duty as soon as can conveniently be arranged.

Other particulars and a form of application may be obtained from the Senior Assistant Registrar, Medical School, University of Nottingham, Nottingham NG7 2RD, to whom completed applications should be returned by the 8th July, 1975.

University of Salford

DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL ENGINEERING

LECTURESHIP/SENIOR LECTURESHIP

Applications are invited from good honours GRADUATES or POSTGRADUATES with professional experience in the main interests of FLUID MECHANICS HYDRAULIC ENGINEERING HYDROLOGY. Duties will combine lecturing at undergraduate and postgraduate levels with research work in these fields. Research facilities available are excellent and a considerable programme of consultancy engineering research work is in progress.

Salary scales: Lecturer £2,118 to £4,896 per annum plus £450 per annum (to hold). Senior Lecturer £4,737 to £5,796 per annum plus £550 threshold. These scales are at present under review and are expected to attract an increase analogous to the Houghton award and also a cost-of-living rise from October, 1975. F.S.S.U. U.S.S.

Further particulars and application forms may be obtained from the Registrar, University of Salford, Salford M5 4WT, to whom completed applications should be returned not later than 4 July, 1975, quoting reference C/170/T.

University of Warwick

CENTRE FOR INDUSTRIAL ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS RESEARCH

SENIOR RESEARCH FELLOW

IN THE MANPOWER RESEARCH GROUP

Applications are invited for a post of Senior Research Fellow on a project concerned with the operation and modelling of the labour market, financed by the Training Services Agency. Candidates should have a good economics degree, preferably at postgraduate level, together with research experience in the field of labour economics. The initial appointment will be for up to five years, depending on experience. Applications from established academics contemplating leave of absence from their current posts would be welcome. Salary in the range £3,118–£3,896 p.a. (under review, plus threshold payments and subject to superannuation. Application forms and further particulars may be obtained from the Academic Registrar, University of Warwick, Coventry CV4 7AL, quoting Ref. No. 45/A 75. Closing date for receipt of applications is 10th July, 1975.

UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

S.S.R.C. Programme in International Monetary Theory and Policy

Applications are invited for appointment from August 1975 for one year to RESEARCH POSTS in connection with this programme. The programme, under the direction of Dr C. R. Wymer in association with Professor Harry G. Johnson, is concerned with the analytical development and empirical testing of monetary economic theory for open economies.

Applicants should be graduates who have an interest in macroeconomic theory and monetary policy and are prepared to undertake empirical work. Knowledge of econometric techniques and hypothesis testing is desirable. One post will be more suitable for applicants with ability to assist with data preparation and interactive computing work. A part-time appointment will be considered.

Appointments will be made either on the Research Officer scale (£2,118 by increments of £190, £265 and £318 to £3,380 a year plus £200 a year London Allowances) or on the Research Assistant scale (£1,575 to £2,580 a year at present) according to qualifications, age and experience. Separate additional threshold payments are payable on both grades.

Similar posts are available at the Graduate Institute of International Studies in Geneva on an associated project directed by Professor Alexander Swoboda and financed by the Ford Foundation.

Further details of these posts and application forms may be obtained from the Personnel Officer or Dr. Wymer, both at the London School of Economics and Political Science, Houghton Street, London WC2A 2AE. The closing date for the receipt of applications is 27 June, 1975.

The University of Manchester

FACULTY OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL STUDIES RESEARCH SUPPORT UNIT

A vacancy exists for a

COMPUTER PROGRAMMER

in the above unit. The work is varied and interesting and involves assisting members of the academic staff and advising postgraduate students on computational aspects of their research work. Candidates should have a good degree which must include a substantial amount of mathematics. Knowledge of statistics would also be helpful. They should also have a thorough acquaintance with at least one high level language, preferably Fortran or Algol 60. The unit has access via an RJE terminal to the computers of the University of Manchester Regional Computer Centre; these comprise a CDC 7600, KDF 10, 1906 computer system and will shortly include a Cyber 175 for interactive work. Salary range and under review: £1,791–£2,812 plus threshold payments. Superannuation. Further particulars and application forms (returnable by July 8th) from the Registrar, The University, Manchester, M13 9PL. Quote Ref. 15m 75/T.

University of Hull

DEPARTMENT OF LAW

Applications are invited for posts of

LECTURER IN LAW

Applicants should indicate their main fields of interest. Salary scale £2,547–£3,125 per annum including Threshold plus £551–£58 Supplement.

Applications (six copies) giving details of age, qualifications and experience together with the names of three referees should be sent by 11th July, 1975, to The Registrar, University of Hull, Hull HU6 7RX, from whom further particulars may be obtained.

University of Keele

Applications invited to fill new post of

LECTURER

in the Department of Computer Science from October 1975. An interest and experience in data processing, information systems or a related field is desirable. Initial appointment on lowest points of Lecturer scale currently under negotiation. Application forms and further particulars may be obtained from the Academic Registrar, University of Keele, Staffs. ST5 5BG, to whom completed forms should be returned by 18th July 1975.

UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

University of Western Australia
PERTH

CHAIR OF MATHEMATICS

Applications for appointment to a Chair in the Department of Mathematics from January, 1976 or within the following six months are invited from persons who have made significant contributions in the area of probability and/or statistics and who, preferably, have had experience of teaching at university level. The present research strength of the department is in the general area of mathematical statistics is primarily in stochastic processes, statistical inference and sampling theory but applications will be welcomed from persons with interests in other areas.

The appointee will occupy one of four chairs in the Department, which is an integrated multi-disciplinary department with a total full time academic staff of 38. Professors L. Blakers (Mathematics Education), Professor J. J. Mahony, F.A.A. (Applied Mathematics), and Professor J. P. D. Cowen (Pure Mathematics) occupy the other Chairs. The headship of the Department is filled periodically from among the professors by decision of the University Senate. The present Head (Chairman) is Professor Blakers. The appointee will share in the determination of policy and in the administration of the Department.

The present salary for a Professor is $A25,594 p.a. Benefits include superannuation similar to F.S.S.U., fares to Perth for appointee and dependent, family removal allowance, study leave, long service leave and housing loan scheme. Further information including conditions of appointment and details of present staff and research may be obtained from the Staffing Officer.

Applications in duplicate stating full personal particulars, qualifications, experience and the names and addresses of three referees should reach the Staffing Officer, University of Western Australia, Nedlands, Western Australia, 6009 by 26 July, 1975.

Further particulars and conditions of appointment are available from the Association of Commonwealth Universities, 36 Gordon Square, London WC1H 0PF.

University of Newcastle Upon Tyne

THE MEDICAL SCHOOL

LECTURER IN MICROBIOLOGY

Applications are invited from Science graduates with a good honours degree for a whole time appointment of Lecturer in the Department of Microbiology, tenable from 1st October, 1975. Candidates with interests in any aspect of microbiology or cognate subjects such as immunology will be considered for this appointment. Undergraduate courses in microbiology are conducted by the Department for science, medical and dental students. The successful candidate will be encouraged to engage in research for which there are good facilities.

Salary will be at an appropriate point on the Lecturer's scale £2,118–£4,896 per annum plus a standard threshold payment of £265.69 per annum according to age, qualifications and experience. (Salary under review from 1st October, 1975.) Membership of a University superannuation scheme will be required.

Further particulars may be obtained from the Registrar, The University, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 7RU, with whom applications (four copies) together with the names and addresses of three persons to whom reference may be made should be lodged not later than 12th July, 1975. Please quote reference T.

University of Reading

LECTURESHIP IN LINGUISTIC SCIENCE

Applications are invited for a Lectureship in Linguistic Science. Special consideration will be given to candidates with qualifications in German or Russian and Applied Linguistics, but candidates with other interests may apply.

The person appointed should take up duties on 1 October, 1975.

Further information may be obtained from the Registrar (Room 213, Whiteknights House), The University, Whiteknights, Reading RG6 2AH, by whom applications should be received not later than 12th July, 1975.

British milk production is declining

By Hugh Clayton
Agricultural Correspondent

Production of milk, centrepiece of the Government's farm expansion plans for the next five years, *is falling*. The Milk Marketing Board said yesterday that output in England and Wales *last month was* five million gallons lower than in May, 1974.

Unigate, the largest dairy company in the country, said it might have to ration unblended *British butter to shopkeepers*. The company attributed the cut in milk to "lousy weather", *and the National Farmers'* Union cited the lack of confidence in the industry.

There was no "spring flush" of young grass, owing to lack of rain, and last winter many *farmers were forced by high* costs and low returns to economize on feeding. That has had a permanent effect on the capacity of some herds.

The board said that output of milk in May this year was 252 million gallons, compared with 257 million in May last year and 263 million in May, 1973. Although the amount used *for cheese had risen slightly in* the past year, the total earmarked for butter had dropped from 52 million gallons in May last year to 46 million this May. That means that Britain is still making much less than a tenth of the butter she consumes.

Mr Peter Riddick, secretary of the Gloucestershire branch of the National Farmers' Union, *said that more than 80 of the* six thousand dairy producers in the West Midlands had left *dairying in April and May this* year.

Members of the branch had *decided to open registers* immediately of those likely to need fodder and those likely to sell it. *The aim was to avoid* a repetition of the fodder shortage of last winter. Arable farmers would be asked to avoid burning straw in the field.

Mr Steel hits at 'mediocre' economic leadership

By Our Political Staff

The mediocrity of much of *our economic debate and leader*ship is stunning, and while it is acknowledged that inflation is out of control all we read in the papers or hear from ministers is carefully trailed talk of stringent measures still to come, Mr David Steel said in the London constituency of Greenwich, Woolwich, West, yesterday.

Mr Steel, Liberal MP for Roxburgh, Selkirk and Peebles, told voters who go to the polls for a by-election on June 26: "As a nation we have been surfeited with pinpoints of light at the end of long dark tunnels, larger slices of national cakes that will miraculously swell year after year. Somehow we are always assured that just at this moment we are paying ourselves too much, but that with a little restraint and rather more stiff upper lip it will all come right in the end.

"Yet at a time of universally acknowledged national crisis the Government presents astonishing reversal of this theme, and now we are no longer promised jam tomorrow but austerity and toughness instead.

"Whatever the external forces in the form of oil price increases or the internal forces in the form of gross increases in the money supply that triggered inflation, its continuance clearly arises from the wages spiral."

The Liberal Party, he said, had consistently favoured a *statutory prices and incomes* policy and next Tuesday he would be introducing a Bill in the Commons to establish such a policy. "I recognize that it will not become law but it will however provide a test for Parliament. It will provide the opportunity for MPs of all parties to unite to push the Government to take action to avert an *appalling slump with untold* consequences."

Find in field believed to be early Christian treasure

By a Staff Reporter

What appears to be the most important find *of early Christian* treasure in Britain is being examined at the British *Museum. The location of the* field where it was found is being kept secret, to keep away amateur treasure-hunters.

Professional archaeologists propose to make a systematic dig once the crop of corn growing in the field, which is near the ruins of a Roman fort, has been harvested.

The find consists of what appears to be church silver from the Roman era—25 pieces, including chalices, plate, a silver tray weighing eight pounds, a silver strainer for incense or wine, a golden christogram (the interlocked Chi-Rho, Greek letters emblematic of the early Church), cups, and ornamental pieces with gold enamelling. It was discovered in deeply ploughed ground at the end of February by Mr Alan Holmes, a pop singer.

Mr Holmes was working with a metal detector, but found that the plough was so rough that he could not use it effectively. While walking down a furrow he saw a round, grey object *projecting from a deep hole.*

He said yesterday: "At first I thought that it was a piece of flint. Then I scraped away the earth and uncovered what I thought was a lead container. Then all these other pieces came out."

Mr Donald Macreth, director of archaeology for the local research team, said: "I have seen the treasure, and it is quite amazing. I believe it is the earliest known Christian find."

More rig urged for tenant

By Our Legal Correspo

A tenant's right no disturbed should be greater protection by Law Commission say report published yeste

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Another *proposal* a sure that tenants ar able to find out the ir *Law Commission: Repo Obligations of Landl Tenants* (Stationery Off

Planners fear capital tax will damage farming

By Our Agricultural *Correspondent*

Support for the campaign by farmers and other landowners *against capital transfer tax* came yesterday from the South East Economic Planning Council.

Lord Porchester, the chairman, said in a letter to Mr Peart, Minister of Agriculture, that it was feared that the tax might reduce the will to invest for expansion of existing businesses. *Farms might be divided* into uneconomic units as pieces were sold to meet tax liabilities.

"Both of these *possibilities* could be very damaging to the industry", Lord Porchester wrote. "We appreciate that it is difficult to predict the future, and do not know the percentage of farm businesses passed on *in one family from one* generation to another, although we believe it to be high."

The council, which covers an area from Essex through Buckinghamshire to Hampshire, and *whose members are appointed* by the Secretary of State for the Environment, also called for *closer study* of the value to agriculture of the green belt.

It has been pointed out that *the region's green belt* is of largely mediocre to poor agricultural land

Lord Porchester added: "It is possible that the green belt could be used more efficiently if land of no particular value to agriculture could be devoted to recreational purposes."

'Radical' architects to ideas on low-cost housi

By Michael Baily

How to build houses at half-*price through cooperatives and* lightweight structures will be the subject of an unusual conference to be held at the Centre for Alternatives in Urban Developments at Swindon in September. It is being organized by the Graduate School of the Architectural Association in collaboration with the centre.

The conference will be attended by radical architects and builders from throughout the country and 10,000 households in Swindon will be linked to the conference hall by cable television.

The borough of Thamesdown, which helped to establish the centre in an old farm the outskirts of Swi autumn, hopes to i practical solutions fro ference into its futur programme, and re also be made availab ally.

Among the question amined will be whet trialized building sy really cheaper, either or maintain, and whe builders can compete firms.

It will also examin prospective tenants occupiers get cheap and communal through cooperative self-build techniques.

HOME NEWS

Tory leader defines duty of the press

By John Groser

Journalists and politicians had a duty to serve the cause of freedom, Mrs Thatcher, Leader of the Opposition, said yesterday. The freedom achieved in the countries of the Commonwealth should be passed on to the people, she told the Commonwealth Press Union conference in London.

If countries were to succeed in that objective, the people had to become involved in the great endeavour for freedom. All the nations of the Commonwealth had the means at hand for such involvement in the shape of newspapers, radio and television. She added:

In years gone by, our rulers had reference to their own stores of wisdom. Perhaps it may have been the rights and practices of ancient religions. Perhaps they had a great body of written or remembered customary laws. Those not so learned were the uncommitted majority of our peoples. It is the great triumph of the Commonwealth that the principles of elective government have been inscribed in all our constitutions. Today the voice of all the people may be heard. The communicators of our various nations must learn to serve the people as the old accumulated wisdoms served our ruling fathers. The force of religions has waned, the old ways of wisdom no longer sway the younger, more impatient generation.

No longer was it a small group of informed and privileged people who followed and controlled the affairs of parliaments and nations. Now, to a greater or lesser degree, each citizen could bring influence to bear. She believed that a communications gap existed. But it was not one about which she felt there was any cause for despair, and it was being constantly narrowed.

Mrs Thatcher was introduced to the conference by Lord Astor of Hever, president of the CPU, and she started by reaffirming her belief in the EEC. She said: I have never subscribed to the view that British entry into the EEC would cause fatal weakening of Commonwealth links. I have always held that Britain's active participation in Europe could strengthen Britain. It could strengthen Europe and it could strengthen British and European cooperation with other parts of the Commonwealth. The Commonwealth is a marvellous historic and unique association of sovereign nations bound so loosely yet so effectively.

Liberals' choice

Mr John Parry, of Richmond upon Thames, a BBC producer, has been selected as prospective Liberal parliamentary candidate for Hounslow, Brentford and Isleworth.

With Arts Council offering reduced grant, inflation threatens to destroy the Royal Shakespeare Company despite economies

The Bard is likely to go £200,000 into the red

From Philip Howard
Stratford-on-Avon

The Avon still flows greygreen beneath the stately-sailing swans, and past the red-brick brutalism of the Hilton hotel. The packaged tourists pay homage and more solid currency to Anne Hathaway's cottage, to the Shakespeare Memorial Garden (become a co-owner for £1,000), and the Elizabethan fair and joust on June 28.

But the screams emanating from the Royal Shakespeare Theatre do not come from over-emotional spear-carriers at Agincourt, but from those who foresee that inflation will destroy the Royal Shakespeare Company.

The words of Mercury are harsh after the songs of Apollo; the Arts Council has offered the company a reduced grant for next season, while inflation is running at between 20 and 30 per cent. No other state-subsidized company has had its grant reduced.

The Royal Shakespeare has made drastic economies this year, and even more drastic economies in its plans for next year. For example, it has limited its repertoire at Stratford to four productions, three of which (all the *Henrys*) share common elements of set and costumes. The Aldwych has for the time being ceased to be a repertoire house, so eliminating the expensive business of continual changeovers.

Nevertheless, without an increased grant, even to produce the programme for the 1975-76 season will go £200,000 into the red. Unless more money comes from somewhere, the company has announced that it will have to close its operations at the Aldwych from November 30.

That would break up the company as we know it, since Stratford and the Aldwych are interdependent. With one limb amputated, the fruitful system of exchanging plays, of national and international tours, and of keeping a large team of some of the world's best directors, designers, actors, and other specialists in full-time employment would break down. There would be no way of putting the company together again when the economic situation improved, since the stars would be dispersed to other companies all over the world.

Without the prospect of transferring to the Aldwych, artists would find the offer of a long, highly specialized Stratford season dauntingly less attractive. Stratford standards would collapse.

The impression that the Royal Shakespeare company spends proportionately more than other companies on lavish productions can be demonstrated by accountancy to be erroneous, even though Shakespeare is an expensive man to produce because of the size and scale of his work. During the past year the cost of production materials has more than doubled. Nevertheless, the company has reduced its expenditure on production materials to about a twelfth of total costs. Even next season, in spite of inflation, the economy programme allows for that spending to be increased only to just over a tenth.

For each theatre ticket sold this year, the company will receive 96p subsidy, compared with 48p last year. It needs £1.21 next year to survive, and has been offered 93p. Last year the National Theatre got a subsidy of £2.09 for each seat sold. The Royal Shakespeare's seat subsidy is lower than that of any other supported company.

The company also raises a far higher proportion of its revenue than any other supported company. Last year its grant represented 53p out of each £1 of earned income. In the 1971-72 season the figure was 27p, compared with an average of 81p for all the other 51 companies subsidized by the Arts Council.

After five years of inflation since then, the £884,000 grant that the company says is the minimum it needs to carry on next season (it has been offered £680,000) would still represent only 61p of each £1 of budgeted earned revenue.

It may be asked whether we are prepared to see one of our great cultural assets dismantled for the sake of £200,000. The company's audiences around the world exceed a million a year, attracting huge numbers of tourists and sums of foreign currency to Britain.

Mr Des Wilson, former Shelter director and Liberal parliamentary candidate, who is head of public affairs for the company says: "It is as if the French were to announce that they were going to close the Louvre because they could not afford to increase its subsidy to keep pace with inflation. We should say, rightly, that they were mad.

"I do not consider that Shakespeare is an elitist, minority interest. Our theatres are full. But Shakespeare is so expensive and difficult to put on that no commercial company can afford to do it any more. That is an argument not for reducing our subsidy but for increasing it, so that we can reduce prices and make our plays more accessible to the bulk of the people."

But the real argument is not about money. In a recording angel's register view of twentieth-century cultural achievement, such Royal Shakespeare productions as Peter Brook's *Dream*, Peter Hall's *Wars of the Roses*, John Barton's *Richard II*, David Jones's *Love's Labour's Lost*, and the Gorky plays at the Aldwych would rate golden stars.

If we really cannot afford to keep a national company to play our supreme national artist as he should be played, perhaps Shakespeare himself and all his works, Hamlet and Hamletage, had better be exported posthumously to the United States or West Germany, Japan or the Soviet Union. They might even pay us some foreign currency for a transfer fee.

Publicity for banned pop festival leads to jail

Sidney Rawle, publisher of *IT*, the underground newspaper, was jailed by a High Court judge yesterday for advertising the outlawed Windsor pop festival. He must stay in prison until September 3, 11 days after the advertised opening day of the banned festival.

Mr Justice Wien ruled that Mr Rawle, of Grafton Road, Kentish Town, London, had broken court orders not to advertise, organize or promote the festival by publishing a copy of a pamphlet in the June edition of *IT*.

Mr Rawle denied that he had purposely advertised the festival and said he had simply reported the court case on May 29 when Mr William Dwyer, the festival organizer, was accused of contempt of court.

Mr Dwyer, aged 42, a civil servant, was jailed until August 24 for handing out leaflets advertising the festival.

Mr Rawle said he reproduced the leaflet because it was evidence in the case. The judge, however, said, "I wholly disagree. This was a device by Mr Rawle further to advertise the festival. He is obdurate that the festival will take place, failing the obtaining of an alternative site. I have come to the conclusion that he has somewhat subtly sought to get round the terms of the court order and is clearly in contempt."

The case was brought by the Windsor Citizens' Action Group through the Attorney General.

The group also obtained suspended jail orders against Miss Anne McCarthy, aged 22, a telephonist, and John Docherty, a young man, for "aiding and abetting" the breaking of the court orders by distributing leaflets in Hyde Park.

Mr Rawle, who denied being a festival organizer was led out of court by Mr James Dorling the tipstaff.

40-hour week for doctors would hamper recruitment

By Neville Hodgkinson

Sir Cyril Clarke, President of the Royal College of Physicians, has issued a warning that the proposed 40-hour contract for junior hospital doctors will bring about a decline in recruitment to some vital specialities in which a serious staff shortage is already being felt.

In a letter to Sir Henry Yellowlees, the Chief Medical Officer, he says: "If the contract is adopted on the basis of a 40-hour week there will be a pay differential between clinical posts, which require medical staff to work considerably longer than a 40-hour week, and posts which do not include the responsibility of direct patient care, such as radiology and pathology, the responsibilities of which could probably be included within the 40-hour week.

"The results of this could only be a further decline in recruitment of junior staff into the paraclinical specialities which, as you know, is already very low.

Sir Cyril points out that no extra duty payments are proposed for university medical staff, and says the differential will adversely affect applications for lectureships and research posts in university hospitals.

He argues that as area and district health authorities have to find half the cost of the extra duty payment, there will be a great temptation for them to economize by reducing medical cover at night and at weekends.

He says it would be much better to use any funds earmarked for the proposed overtime payments to pay realistic salaries in both NHS and university clinical appointments, irrespective of specialities and hours worked.

Extra duty payments, introduced in 1971, are payable to junior hospital doctors working more than 80 hours a week.

Ex-PC warned teacher of lodger's record

Mr William Marshall, a former policeman, said at Leeds Crown Court yesterday that he warned a schoolteacher that another man had a conviction for indecency with a boy.

Mr Marshall appeared as a defence witness for the teacher, Mr Clive Wilcock, aged 36. Mr Wilcock, of Hollinwood Avenue, Moston, Manchester, denies conspiring to assault boys indecently and to publish obscene photographs.

Mr Harry Ognall, QC, for the prosecution, alleged that Mr Wilcock and three other men, Raymond Varley, a photographer, the Rev John Poole, former Vicar of Holy Trinity, Huddersfield, and Jack Nicholls, had been engaged in debauching and corrupting young boys.

Mr Marshall said he left the West Yorkshire force in July, 1974, when he was a constable. He had already become acquainted with Mr Wilcock, who then lived at Horbury, Yorkshire.

In June, 1973, he said, Mr Wilcock showed him some photographs, one of which showed a partly dressed youth. Mr Marshall said: "Wilcock told me he had found them in his home and was appalled, astounded and disgusted. I knew Nicholls resided at Wilcock's home, and I told Wilcock that he should tell Nicholls to leave, and the photographs should be taken to the police station. On the following day I learnt that Nicholls had left Wilcock's home and the photographs had been destroyed."

He added that he saw Mr Wilcock with two men in a public house in February last year. Mr Wilcock said one of the men was called Raymond Varley. Mr Marshall told him later that Mr Varley had a conviction for indecency with a boy.

The trial was adjourned until tomorrow.

Leaflets help disappointed holidaymakers

The Department of Trade has issued two free leaflets designed to help people who lost their holidays last year because of the collapse of air travel companies. The leaflets are available from travel agents and Citizens' Advice Bureaux. One explains the Air Travel Reserve Fund Act; the other describes how to make a claim.

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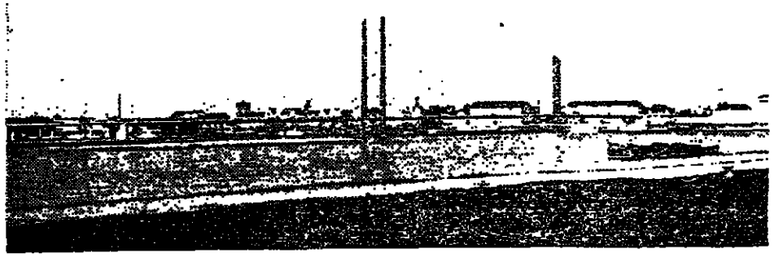
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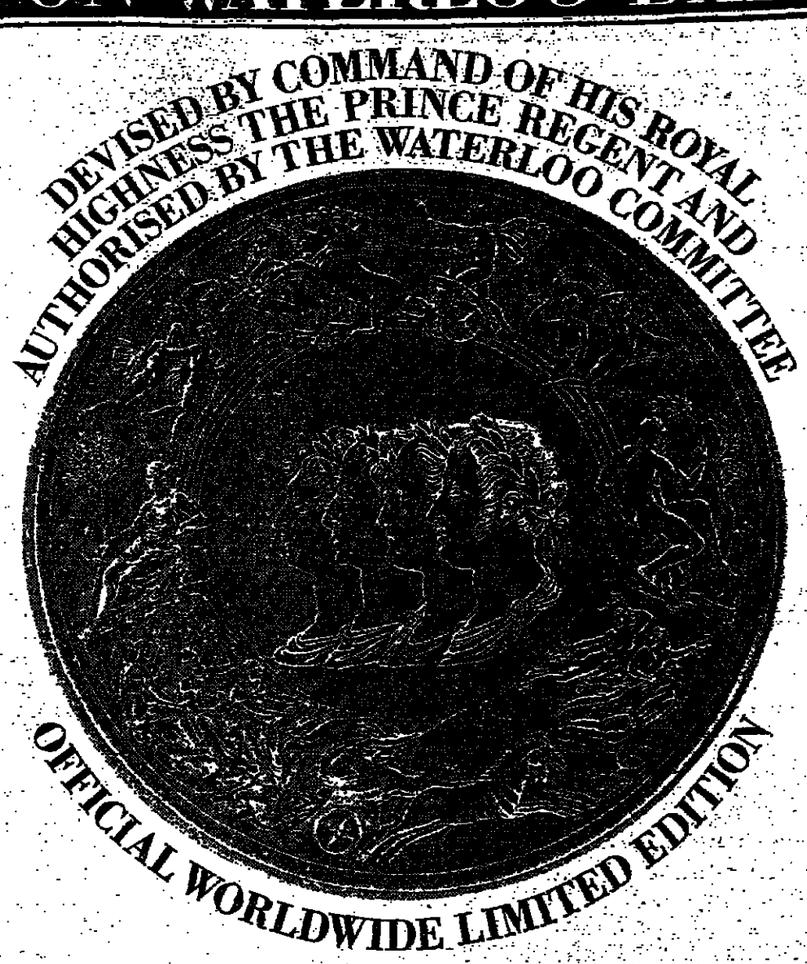
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WEST EUROPE

Lisbon denies rumour of plan to install military government

From Jose Shercliff
Lisbon, June 17

Portugal's Revolutionary Council, the supreme ruling body, has no intention of installing a military government. This was the guarantee given early today by Captain Vasco Lourenço, the council's official spokesman, during a break in a marathon council meeting. This meeting began on the morning of Friday and was still continuing today.

Captain Lourenço said the meeting had been surrounded by rumours but "there won't be any bombastic conclusions to it. We have no intention of setting up a military government". The meeting was being held to analyse the political situation and take decisions about it, he said. So far no positive conclusions had been reached and nothing sensational was to be expected.

There was still no solution reached today to the problem of the newspaper *Republica* which was closed down a month ago by a Communist-led printers' dispute. After unsealing the doors of its offices last night the internal security force, Copcon, resealed them again today.

The dispute between the printers and the Socialist-oriented editors was still far from being settled, and both the administration of the newspaper and Copcon were accusing each other of failure to fulfil previous undertakings concerning the reopening of the offices and the newspaper's republication.

During the past few days the members of the Revolutionary Council have interviewed most of the leading ministers of the Government and today they were receiving the ministers without portfolio.

On his arrival from his visit to Romania yesterday, President Costa Gomes took part in the meeting with Senhor Melo Antunes, the Foreign Minister, who had accompanied him on the trip.

According to the council spokesman the matters dealt with by the meeting had been the present political situation, diagnosis of the type of society at which the country aims, the role of the Armed Forces Movement in the promotion of these aims, and analysis of the economic and social factors. He said that there was no move to end the present coalition Government.

Among matters discussed was the project of installing local people's revolutionary councils and for this purpose there would be a commission appointed to examine the whole problem of the relations of the Armed Forces Movement with the people through the creation of "the proper structures" Captain Lourenço said.

A home-made bomb exploded outside a Lisbon bank early today but did no damage.



Communist supporters in Rome celebrating their party's regional election successes early yesterday.

10 arrested at funeral of Basque shot by police

From Harry Debelius
Madrid, June 17

Police took at least 10 people into custody in the Basque town of Plencia at the funeral of a young man who was shot dead by plainclothes police on Sunday, Basque sources in Madrid said today. The fatal shooting of Señor Alfredo San Sebastián Zaldivar, aged 24, took place at Mungia, near Bilbao.

Basque underground sources said that several thousand people attended the funeral in Plencia, in spite of heavy police precautions to avoid disturbances, which included sealing off all entrances to the town on Monday. The priest who spoke at the funeral boldly accused the Civil Guard of the killing.

Shopkeepers put up their shutters as armed police and Civil Guards patrolled the streets, questioning people in the vicinity of the victim's home and the church. In Mungia shops and businesses closed down on Monday afternoon as a sign of mourning.

Ecclesiastical sources said in Madrid that police seized copies of a sermon on the Basque problem at several churches in San Sebastián last Sunday. The sermon had been prepared with the approval of the Roman Catholic hierarchy. Police took at least four priests into custody for questioning.

The same sources said that the parish priest of the town of Ibaeta, near San Sebastián, had been taken to the hospital of the Carabanchel prison in Madrid because he failed to pay fines totalling over £3,000, imposed without trial, because of sermons he had delivered.

In San Sebastián, a lawyer who represents an accused Basque terrorist was forced to flee his home with his family late last night after an anonymous caller said that a bomb was about to go off. Police searched the house but found no explosives.

The lawyer Señor Juan Maria Bandrés, is waiting for military authorities to set the date for the trial of his client, Señor José Maria Garmendia, an alleged member of the outlawed Basque separatist-movement ETA, who is to be court-martialled for his alleged part in the killing of a Civil Guard. Señor Garmendia, according to medical reports, is a mental defective ever since he suffered the loss of brain tissue when he was shot through the head at the time of his capture.

The Public Order Court in Madrid, which deals only with political offences, heard the testimony yesterday of Señor Felix Santos, publisher of the monthly journal of opinion *Cuadernos para el Dialogo*, regarding an article which led to the confiscation of the latest issue of the magazine last Thursday. The article was entitled "Reasons for political change".

Also in Madrid, police announced the arrest of two suspected members of the extreme leftist Popular anti-Fascist Revolutionary Forces, who were said to have distri- resisted arrest in an underground railway station.

Our Paris Correspondent writes: A French prefect disclosed today that investigations had now proved that agents of the Spanish political police were responsible for the terrorist bomb attack in Bairritz on the night of June 5, directed against two Basque refugees.

Recently, there have been a series of bomb attacks in the French south-west and M Michel Poniatowski, the Minister of the Interior, said at the weekend that France had taken steps to prevent this penetration by "Spanish police or para police elements".

Hard task ahead for Italy's Christian Democrats

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that the Communists were the main beneficiaries of the feeling of a desire for change. How they face up to this challenge in the coming days will be the first indication of what the country's next step will be.

If there is no recourse to a general election—which at the moment looks unlikely—the governing parties have the unpleasant prospect of a difficult autumn in economic affairs which they will have to face from a weakened political base.

The Communists have regularly gained ground in Italian elections since 1948, but their gains hardly upset the system. It was rather like the slight increase each year in the inclination of the Leaning Tower of Pisa: people did not really behave as if the tower is inevitably due to fall, because final catastrophe has always seemed to be sufficiently far away not to require immediate and urgent measures.

This election saw the Communists advance sufficiently to give a serious jolt to the traditional system, even if in terms of percentages the Christian Democrats failed to give the pessimists full justification. What must be worrying them, however, is that the Communists this time turned the screw several times instead of only once.

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President Giscard begins state visit to Poland

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, June 17

President Giscard d'Estaing today began a four-day state visit to Poland which is intended politically to establish "model" relations between a country of Western Europe and one in Eastern Europe. Economically, the visit is designed to boost French trade with the Poles. The president was accompanied by his wife, M Sauvagnargues, the Foreign Minister, and M Poniatowski, the Minister of the Interior. M Poniatowski, who by birth is a prince of a former Polish royal house, made a preparatory visit some months back. M Fourcade, the Economics Minister, will arrive in Warsaw later.

The idea of establishing exemplary relations within the framework of agreements being worked out at the European security and cooperation conference is eagerly taken up by Mr Gierek, the Polish leader, in an interview published in tonight's *Le Monde*.

Mr Gierek believes there is no obstacle to such relations of detente between the two countries going even further and promises that this will find expression in a joint political declaration to be signed at the end of M Giscard d'Estaing's visit.

In trade, M Fourcade is expected to sign a five-year cooperation agreement in Warsaw, providing for 4,000m francs (£440m) in new credits and bringing France's imports of Polish coal up to five million tonnes annually over the next eight years.

Monetary union 'essential for EEC farm policy'

From Philip Webster
Strasbourg, June 17

MPs in Britain who have yet to be convinced about the desirability of European economic and monetary union would have been discouraged by today's debate in the European Parliament on the Commission's stocktaking of the common agricultural policy (CAP).

The theme running through the speeches of representatives of many political groups was that the CAP was the cornerstone of European integration but that it could never reach complete effectiveness until monetary union had been achieved.

M Roger Houdet, the French liberal president of the Parliament's agriculture committee, said that the CAP was the victim of the hesitations along the road to monetary union.

Mr Lardinois, the European Commissioner for Agriculture, said the Community's much criticized system of monetary compensatory amounts, which attempts to iron out fluctuations in currency values, could end only when monetary union, which was essential for the continuation of the CAP, had come into being.

Mr Lardinois blamed some of the shortcomings of the CAP on the member states rather than the Commission, which had been handicapped in formulating improvements by the emergency action it had had to take in some countries. Britain, Germany, Italy, and France had all produced problems and difficulties in the past year which could have led to the disintegration of the CAP.

This had not happened. Through all the problems, shortages, boom and recession, the CAP had managed to keep going, he said.

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'Stern' forbidden to publish tapped phone conversation

From Dan van der Vat
Bonn, June 17

An interim injunction was today issued against the Hamburg magazine *Stern* to prevent it publishing a transcript of a tapped telephone conversation between two leading figures in the Bonn Opposition.

The Christian Democrats (CDU) had their application for an injunction granted by a Hamburg civil court, which had to be specially convened as today is a public holiday in West Germany.

The legal move follows a decision by the magazine to reverse its undertaking of last week not to print the transcript, sent anonymously through the post. The grounds for this reversal given by a *Stern* spokesman were that the transcript did not constitute intrusion into the private lives of the two politicians but was rather matter of direct public interest, as it concerned the situation within a leading political party.

The conversation took place last October between Dr Helmut Kohl, national CDU chairman, and Professor Kurt Biedenkopf, general secretary of the party. Post Office experts have so far failed to discover how the conversation was tapped, still less who did it.

The *Stern* spokesman said later today that printing of the controversial issue was still going on at full speed. It is normally posted to regular subscribers on Wednesdays and put on sale on Thursdays. He would not comment on the court ruling.

Under West German law, a decision by the magazine to defy the court's order can lead to seizure by the police of the entire offending issue.

Marie-Antoinette's bedroom just as it was

From Richard Wigg
Paris, June 17

The bedroom of Marie-Antoinette at the Palace of Versailles, fully restored as it was on the night in October, 1789 when she had to abandon it never to return, will be on view to the public from tomorrow.

Other rooms at the palace and the grand salon at the Petit Trianon have also been put back to their original state with the help of a special grant of 100m francs (about £11m) which was approved by President Giscard d'Estaing when he was Finance Minister and a frequent Sunday visitor to Versailles with his wife and children.

Last night the President flew to Versailles by helicopter to step back into the period of history just before the French Revolution which he likes best. In the restored rooms he met the private donors, several of them American, whose financial contributions have covered part of the cost of the restoration.

The original furniture and furnishings of Versailles and the other palaces were dispersed in a 14-month long auction made up of 17,000 lots which was ordered by the revolutionary government in 1793. For years M Gerard van der Kemp, the chief keeper at Versailles, has been trying to recover the originals. Where these have been unobtainable palace inventories and other documents have been analysed to find the means of recopying the lost articles with the utmost faithfulness.

Thus in Marie-Antoinette's bedroom, where the walls are now covered in red and green silk on a white background and patterned with flowers, the original pendule clock has returned from the Foreign Minister's own room at the Quai d'Orsay, the bedcover has been obtained from a New York antiquary, while a big Tokyo store has given the chandeliers. The bed coverings and curtains have been recreated by the Lyons silk makers' association.

The library of Louis XVI has been restored and Mme De Maintenon's apartments reconstituted in appropriate style, so far as the building changes under Louis-Philippe last century permit.

The colourings on some of the new decorations are so delicate that the windows in the restored rooms have been fitted with ultraviolet ray filters.

OVERSEAS

Surprise Knesset vote to increase defence budget seen as challenge to Mr Rabin's authority

From Eric Marsden
Jerusalem, June 17

The Israel Cabinet held a lengthy meeting today to hear Mr Rabin's report on his visit to Washington. No policy decisions were expected as the Prime Minister had made it clear that further moves towards an interim settlement with Egypt would depend on reaction in Cairo to the ideas he put to President Ford.

It is understood that there was general approval in the Cabinet of Mr Rabin's achievement in the United States, especially his apparent success in persuading Mr Ford that there must be parallel concessions by both Egypt and Israel to make an interim agreement possible.

While the ministers were meeting the Government was faced with an unexpected revolt in a Knesset committee meeting on the size of the defence budget. On paper the Government had a comfortable majority in the joint meeting of the Knesset foreign affairs and security committee and the finance committee, but by a majority of one a decision was taken to increase the defence budget by about £30m to about £1,500m.

The proposal was made by Mr Yehuda Ben Meir, a member of the National Religious Party which is in the Government coalition. Three of the four NRP members on the joint committee voted for it. Four members of the former Rafi section of the Labour Party were demonstratively absent.

When the defence budget was discussed in the Cabinet, Mr Shimon Peres, the Defence Minister, who is a Rafi member, complained that it was too low. The vote today is expected to cause a row within the coalition and may be seen as a challenge to Mr Rabin's authority, made with the tacit approval of Mr Peres.

The Prime Minister got a very good press today. The consensus was that he had shown firmness in Washington without risking being accused of intransigence. The *Jerusalem Post* credited him with having turned the tactical tables by making it clear to the United States that a breakthrough would depend on moves in Cairo as well as in Jerusalem.

There is wide support for Mr Rabin's insistence that before any new agreement Egypt must honour all its commitments under the disengagement accord, including the so-called secret understanding that Israel's cargoes would be allowed through the Suez Canal, and that there must be a long period of non-belligerency if Israel is to make further territorial concessions.

Opinion among Arabs is that Mr Rabin's mission was inconclusive and that the convening of the Geneva conference will be demanded by the Arab states. Nobody seems prepared to believe that President Sadat will agree to put the Palestinian and Golan Heights issues in cold storage for three to five years for the sake of financial stability at home.

If there are further negotiations, it is unlikely they will follow the familiar pattern of Dr Kissinger shuttling between Aswan and Jerusalem in attempts to "narrow the gap". There is strong opposition here to further exercises of this kind.

At the Cabinet meeting before Mr Rabin left for Washington several Ministers criticized the shuttle method, arguing that Dr Kissinger's comings and goings, accompanied by press leaks which raised hopes that were later dashed, had proved a failure. One suggested that it would be better to conduct talks by secret diplomacy in Washington or elsewhere.

During the Washington visit despatches from Israel correspondents indicated that future negotiations might be handled by the White House rather than the State Department. The name of Mr Rumsfeld, the White House chief of staff, was mentioned as a possible go-between.

In a New York interview Mr Rabin said he would not recommend that the Secretary of State resume his shuttle diplomacy until the positions of Egypt and Israel were closer together. But he denied that he had lost confidence in Dr Kissinger.

A public opinion poll published on the eve of the Rabin visit to Washington showed that only 12.5 per cent of Israelis were satisfied with Dr Kissinger's approach to Israel while 62.7 per cent were not satisfied. A year ago the figures were almost exactly the other way round.

Israel gives a progress report on detentions

By Edward Mortimer

Israel is now detaining only about 30 or 40 administrative detainees in the country and the occupied territories, according to Mr Meir Shamgar, Israel's Attorney-General.

Speaking at a lunch in London yesterday, Mr Shamgar said such detentions were subject to judicial review every six months, whether or not the detainee asked for it. He said the procedure derived from the British defence emergency regulations introduced in Palestine in 1945 and maintained in force after 1948 by the Egyptian and Jordanian authorities in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank as well as by the state of Israel in its own territory.

Mr Shamgar said that all the people deported from the occupied territories were known to have been involved in terrorist activity. He pointed out that when Palestinian terrorists took hostages in Israel, they demanded that prisoners be released and sent to an Arab country. Yet, when Israel did the same thing on its own initiative, it was denounced as a crime against human rights.

On allegations of torture by Israel's security forces, Mr Shamgar said the accusations made last year by Mrs Felicia Langer, the Israel communist lawyer, had been investigated under the supervision of the Supreme Court and had been found to be without foundation.

Ship damaged in first Suez Canal explosion

By Michael Baily

The first underwater explosion in the Suez Canal since it was opened a fortnight ago occurred yesterday. The Panamanian cargo vessel, Chuen On, 12,500 tons, was slightly damaged.

Although the cause of the explosion is unknown, it clearly could have been a mine which escaped detection during the recent clearing operations.

The Chuen On was last night making for Dubai for inspection. She had been heading south through the Gubal Strait to the south of the Gulf of Suez and the Canal at the time of the explosion which occurred at 2.30 hours local time.

Built last year, the Chuen On was sailing from West Europe under charter to the Atlantic Shipping Corporation.

SW Africa police search home of expelled bishop

From Our Own Correspondent
Cape Town, June 17

Security police in South-West Africa today searched the home and office of the Right Rev Richard Wood, the Bishop Suffragan of Damaraland, who was served with an expulsion order yesterday.

They held warrants giving them authority to search for a variety of documents and equipment, including ledgers, bank statements, pamphlets, tape recordings, posters, typewriters, and duplicating machines.

The authorities have given no reason for the expulsion, but there has been a long conflict between the South African Government and the Anglican Church in South-West Africa. He is the third bishop to be expelled. The Most Rev William Burnett, the Anglican Archbishop of Cape Town, today expressed "deep regrets" at the Government's decision to expel the bishop although he emphasized that he was not in complete agreement with the bishop's actions.

Windhoek, June 17.—The bishop said today he was taking legal action against the expulsion order which was issued by the executive committee of South-West Africa's Legislative Assembly.

The bishop has been accused of being the author of press statements and speeches made by supporters of the South-West Africa People's Organization. He has also been accused of organizing a political demonstration in Windhoek, which was banned last week.

"I deny all these allegations", he said. "They are pure moonshine."—Reuter.

'Environmental weapons' in new bargaining

From Our Correspondent
Geneva, June 17

Talks on prohibiting the use of environmental modification techniques for military purposes have started in Geneva between the two superpowers. Their delegations are headed by Mr Thomas Davies, of the United States Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, and Dr Yevgeniy Fedorov, the Soviet Academician.

This is a continuation of discussions held in the autumn in Moscow and during February in Washington. The subject will be taken up in the 31-nation disarmament conference which resumes here on Tuesday.

In his first public speech for five weeks, Mr Brezhnev proposed in Moscow on Friday that the major powers conclude an agreement banning new weapons and systems of mass destruction "even more terrifying" than existing nuclear ones.

A Soviet draft treaty was submitted to the United Nations General Assembly in the autumn. It is not yet clear whether a joint draft may be tabled in the disarmament conference by the superpowers at the conclusion of their talks. They are now "comparing notes and seeing if an understanding can be reached on what a treaty might cover", a spokesman said.

Herr Scheel says alliance has been strengthened

From Fred Emery
Washington, June 17

President Scheel of W. Germany today pointedly plied to Congress that recent debacle in Indo-Chi had strengthened Atlantic s darity and released new en gies for the alliance.

In an address to b Chambers assembled in je session, Herr Scheel sai "Not as some may have fea and others may have hop recent developments have loosened the ties of Europe American solidarity. On contrary, more energies h been set free for the allia which will be concentrated its task. The awareness of interdependence is deeper t ever".

The West German Presic also put in a good word the European Communi capacity for harmonizing e omic disputes. The only ra al course for the world in dangerous years ahead cooperation, he said.

"The Nine European st have with much good worked out an overall m of economic cooperation the nations of Africa, Asia the Caribbean."

In spite of the progress negotiations, the will to monization produced wha called "a promising exa of multilateral cooper with the Third World".

He added: "It shows the European Community have a stabilizing influenc the world economy."

To congressmen who wonder why Europe seems to be getting anyw Herr Scheel pleaded patience. European unio which the Germans had mitted themselves was "a long way behind our hope promises, but we shall bu And in so doing we nee understanding of the U States. We need long European-American cr ation."

This must be based mutual trust, he said. "It be candid. It must not make the mistake of emp ing divergent secondar terests at the expense o mary common interests."

Herr Scheel also ga warning that communism ceeded "where injustice misery predominate, an have to sharpen our science. Political freedom not prevail where the conscience remains Freedom and social justi together."

He expressed Ger gratitude for American h the Marshall Plan, desc it as "perhaps the generous in the histo mankind".

Senate examining curiou poll won by both parties

From Our Own Correspondent
Washington, June 17

The United States Senate, with giant replicas of ballot papers as a visual aid, today begins its attempt to decide—seven months after the vote—who won the New Hampshire Senate seat.

Victory changed hands twice before the present state of suspense. Mr John Durkin, the Democrat, was first in by ten votes; then the state's ballot law commission reversed the result and gave it to Mr Louis Wyman, the Republican, by two votes. More than 223,000 had voted.

The Senate, which under the Constitution is the supreme arbiter of its elections, heard Mr Durkin's petition and refused to seat Mr Wyman. Since the Democrats control the Senate there have been loud cries from the Republicans that they are trying to "steal our seat".

The muddle almost defies description and is now utterly partisan. So far there has been no full recount; and so far the Senate majority has voted down attempts, supported by Republicans, to send it all back for a new election. Some suspect that Republicans are better than Democrats at getting out their voters.

The Senate rules committee was supposed to examine the 900 disputed ballots, and make hours on the task but 4-4 on eight procedural tions, and left 27 actual to be decided by the Senate.

Much of the trouble from the Clochemerle st the electoral records i Hampshire, which are k a local, arbitrary basi Wyman complains that votes were cast on mach Manchester, the state's city, than there were vo the roll.

Considering the strai two men retain rem equanimity. Mr remarks he has spent money on the conte than on the actual campaign. Mr Wyma hardly helped by the sure that Senator Hugh a leading Republican of the rules committee, an appeal for funds fo Mr Wyman at this lat wants all the ballots rec

That is unlikely to occ most senators predict t outcome will be settle party lines, even though on the issue is expected well into July. A prop broadcast the Senate was first approved an rescinded as the lea had second thoughts. It expected to be the spectacle that would popular respect for legi recommendations. It sp

Congress vote to build US base on Diego Garcia

From Our Own Correspondent
Washington, June 17

The American plan to proceed with a naval base at Diego Garcia, the British Indian Ocean islet, cleared a preliminary hurdle in Congress today.

The Senate armed services committee voted 10—6 to authorize $13,800,000 (£6m) to expand facilities and build a runway and storage tanks. The chairman, Senator John Stennis, said the decision was based partly on the presence of Soviet missile facilities at Berbera in Somali.

The Somalia and Russian denials of this presence are not taken seriously by the Administration. It is asserted here that the facilities are for refuelling missiles—which permits the Soviet ships to stay longer on station.

The American decision to push ahead with Diego Garcia contrasts with the refusal to accept the South African Government's invitation to use the naval base at Simonstown. Domestic considerations of race policy preclude such an action.

Simonstown seen as a 'challeng

From Michael Knipe
Cape Town, June 17

The South African Minister of Defence, Mr P. W. Botha, said in Parliament here today that the Republic would not enter into "another one-sided agreement with one country" on the use of Simonstown's naval facilities.

The Government, he said, would cooperate with everybody but on its own terms. It would also continue improving and developing the Simonstown facilities. The ending of the agreement with Britain [announced formally yesterday] was not a tragedy for South Africa, he said, but a challenge.

Mr Vause Raw, the opposition United Party's spokesman on defence, has accused Britain of failing for a long time to honour the agreement in spirit. It was illogical, he said, that South Africa should carry the responsibility and cost while the British Navy enjoyed the privilege of use and control in time of war.

The termination of the agreement was neither unexpected nor regretted, he said. "However, it is a sad fact of life that our formal military and naval isolation is now complete." He hoped common sense and responsibility would soon restore the normal and friendly relations for which South Africa had always striven.

Mr Colin Eglin, the leader of the Progressive Party, said it had been clear for some time that the sharp political differences between Mr Wilson's and Mr Vorster's governments made continued cooperation impossible.

Cape Town's two English language papers, the *Cape Times* and the *Argus* both published editorials today suggesting that Britain's waning importance was as much a factor in the decision as the ideological issues. The *Argus* said Britain was "no longer a naval power of great consequence" and was "bankrupt, moreover". Simonstown had thus become an untenable luxury for Britain.

The *Cape Times* said the agreement had become anachronistic in vesting overall command in the British Commander-in-Chief. Britain was losing influence in the world and was preoccupied with Western Europe.

Mentioning Britain's economic difficulties and its defence cut-backs, the said Britain would so later have withdrawn f agreement, whichever was in power.

Moscow, June 17. Africa is planning to Simonstown base to closer cooperation w North Atlantic Treaty ation, according to official Soviet news age "According to P plans, the base is to se kind of springboard f active participation b Africa in the activities aggressive Nato block said.

South Africa was pla double the size of the accommodate nuclea marines and had d with the United States sibility of American using it in preference Garcia.

"Nato strategists ha been showing interest region, trying to exp operational code of a the Atlantic block over dian Ocean", Tass sai Africa wanted a close with Nato because of lapse of Portuguese r its own increasing iso UPI.

Villagers return after poison gas disperses

From Our Own Correspondent
Bonn, June 17

About 1,000 inhabitants of five villages on the eastern outskirts of Munich were allowed to return home early today after the area narrowly escaped a poison gas catastroph. Nitrous fertilizer being unloaded in heavy rain from railway wagons underwent a chemical reaction and released a cloud of highly poisonous nitrous gases.

Exposure to the corrosive gases led to 67 people being treated in hospital.

Firemen in masks drowned the heap of fertilizer in water to stop the gas cloud growing. It was eventually dispersed by the wind.

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...nks tell how Mr Stonehouse ...nsferred thousands to ...lbourne in dead men's names

...ne, June 17.—...of three Australian ...nks today described ...John Stonehouse, the ... MP, transferred ... of pounds from ...d and Britain to ...he opened in Mel... under the names of two ...

... of the money, was ...d even before Mr ...e faked his death by ... off Miami Beach in ... November 20 last ...elbourne magistrate's ...s told. The former ...Government minister ... extradition charges ... by Britain alleging ...ud, forgery and con... involving nearly ... Mrs Sheila Buckley, ...ary, is wanted on six ...f theft and conspiracy. ...P sat quietly in the ...witnesses spoke of how ...opened current and ...ank accounts in the ... of Joseph Arthur ... and Donald Clive ...

...nehouse was found in ...n of a passport in the Markham when he was ...as a suspected illegal ...t by Melbourne police ...mas Eve. He later ...ice he obtained the ... in the name of Mark... going to Somerset ... London and getting a ...tificate of a dead man ...sband of one of his ...ntary constituents. ... similarly obtained another birth certificate in the name of Muldoon, who had also died.

Mr Richard Dusk, of Australia's Commonwealth Banking Corporation, told the court his bank's Melbourne branch received a telegraphic transfer of $A9,500 (£5,428) from the Swiss Banking Corporation on January 8 for Muldoon. A cheque for $A8,000 from the Muldoon account was drawn by Mr Stonehouse on January 16.

Mr David Rowland, of the Australia and New Zealand Banking Group, identified Mr Stonehouse as the man he saw last November 28—while the MP was still missing—who deposited $A22,000 in cash into a savings account in the name of Muldoon.

Mr Peter Street, an accountant with the New South Wales Bank, said he had received an overseas warrant for the transfer of 14,100 to open a savings account in the name of Markham late last October. This was before Mr Stonehouse staged his disappearance.

Subsequently, the witness said, the Markham account was closed. Mr Stonehouse withdrew a total of more than $A24,400.—Reuter.

Our Melbourne Correspondent writes: A Scotland Yard detective denied today in the Melbourne magistrate's court that the British Government had put pressure on British and Australian police in connexion with proceedings against Mr Stonehouse. Detective Chief Superintendent Kenneth Howard Etheridge told the court there had been no attempt to suppress publication of articles and a book written by Mr Stonehouse.

Mr Etheridge was giving evidence at the hearing of warrants to extradite Mr Stonehouse to Britain. Mr Etheridge told the court he was second in charge of the Fraud Squad of the London Metropolitan Police. He said he was in charge of the investigations of Mr Stonehouse and Mrs Buckley.

He told Mr J. A. Patterson, who appeared for Mr Stonehouse, that he had never leaked information to Mr Harry Longmuir, a London *Daily Mail* reporter. Earlier Mr Patterson had told Mr C. J. Thompson, the chief stipendiary magistrate, that there was a political manoeuvre for a special purpose behind Mr Stonehouse's arrest.

Mr Patterson said police in Victoria and in Britain had been politically manipulated. The warrant for the arrest of Mr Stonehouse had been issued after publication of articles in a British newspaper criticizing certain members of the Wilson Government.

Mr Etheridge told Mr Patterson he knew of no communication between the British Government and senior officers of New Scotland Yard to the effect that a warrant had been issued for the arrest of Mr Stonehouse.

"I am in charge and nobody got in touch with me", Mr Etheridge declared.

'Temporary status' for US bases in Turkey

From Our Correspondent
Ankara, June 17

The Turkish Government today handed a note to the American Embassy in Ankara, asking for talks in 30 days to determine "the new status of Turkish-American common defence installations" in the country.

Announcing this at a press conference Mr Ihsan Sabri Caglayangil, the Foreign Minister, said the status of over two dozen United States bases in Turkey would remain unchanged during the coming month but as soon as the talks began, they would be given a "temporary status". He refused to say what the "temporary status" of the bases would be.

"Considering the benefits of defence cooperation to the free world", he said, "Turkey patiently waited for the arms embargo to be lifted. But this wait has been prolonged in an unacceptable manner and it has become absolutely necessary for Turkey to take the countermeasures she deems useful."

The Government statement blamed the United States for having "unilaterally violated its responsibilities towards Turkey", and emphasized that "this leaves Turkey free to take whatever measures it wants".

Mr Caglayangil also disclosed that he had received "two or three messages" from Dr Kissinger, the American Secretary of State, and one from President Ford "during the past few days".

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The international disgrace that has become one long Mother's Day

Germaine Greer contributes this week's guest column in our International Women's Year series.



Despite the fact that all the nations represented at the United Nations oppress women in all degrees and in all manners, many to the point of slavery and mutilation, and are truculently uninterested in forfeiting the privilege, some good guys at the Secretariat decided that 1975 should be International Women's Year.

It is typical of the special brand of United Nations Pollyannaism that they did so regardless of the fact that Secretariat hiring policies are grossly discriminatory.

The decision to have a women's year was simply a belated recognition of the fashionableness of feminism in the West, whose life-styles dominate the United Nations self-image despite their manifest irrelevance to most of the people living on the planet.

Thus women from countries where the majority of the female population is pregnant and performing unpaid hard labour in the fields are quite happy to discuss "marriage or a career" in terms culled from McCall's. International Women's Year is a simple extension of Madison Avenue feminism. The agricultural labourers of Asia and Africa might as well lay down their hoes and light up a Virginia Slim.

This year, like 1974, will be a time when tens of thousands of girl babies will die because of discriminatory feeding practices, when thousands of women will have their external genitalia mutilated by custom and hundreds of thousands will be manipulated and medicated and castrated in the service of population control.

Wars will take their customary toll of women by slaughter, rapine and prostitution. In 1975, the United States will manage not to pass the Equal Rights Amendment. Women's chances of controlling their own fertility will retreat instead of advancing. Unperturbed, the United Nations will arrange hours of chatter about "Women: Equality, Development, Peace".

This year of disgrace began willy-nilly; half the United Nations members had failed to give women's year even the lip-service of ratification. Only 16 of the 138 governments promised cash to the voluntary fund set up for women's year, and of these only 13 have actually parted with the money, in derisory sums—$100,000 from the United States, only 10 times as much as Finland gave. The total pledged is $1,350,000; the amount received is $1,209,633.

Next year's Human Settlement Conference in Vancouver already has millions in hand; the minibudget of women's year is expected to fund six regional conferences and the international conference in Mexico, from tomorrow. The failure of the voluntary fund would have been less of a disaster if the United Nations had not "forgotten" women's year in drawing up its own budget: $258,000 was scraped up out of petty cash.

Women control neither the United Nations nor its member governments, nor the multinational corporations, nor the purse-strings of nations; nevertheless, they will be blamed for the debacle of women's year. The foolery and botching of the United Nations Secretariat will be taken as evidence that there is no public concern for the plight of women.

The UN has no power to force governments to cease oppressing the helpless, and no amount of shopwindow funding will disguise that fact. The UN is too fearful of the power of its various blocks to risk offending individual governments by so much as motions of censure.

Representatives of nations that deny women the vote, shackle their legs and veil their faces, where husbands have the right to kill their wives, are not even requested to explain these practices, especially if they produce (as they always can) tame women delegates skilled in the showy profeminist verbiage of UN debate.

The consultative committee that draws up the World Plan of Action was headed by the twin sister of the Shah of Iran, Princess Ashraf, whom no one would have dared to offend by asking news of Mehry Manoutcherian, Iran's first woman lawyer, who resigned her post as a senator because Iran's new passport law requires a husband's express permission before his wife may leave the country.

Maddeningly, women have not even the option of ignoring the United Nations muddle because there is a real possibility that antifeminist formulations will creep into the United Nations declarations of pious intent and there ossify into immovable definitions.

The callousness of last year's Population Plan of Action alerted many women to the ignorance and frivolity of the UN's attitude to half the population of the world, and their last-ditch struggle to humanize the linguistic slop-bucket that is the diplomatic double-talk of the United Nations was fruitless.

The resolution of "Women and Food" sponsored by Bangladesh, Egypt, the United Kingdom and the United States at the World Food Conference in Rome last year was principally concerned with women as feeders of children, especially by "maximum lactation".

In a world beset by problems of food supply and birth rate, the conviction that women who are not feeding children might as well starve was only lightly veiled. Women all over the world are conditioned to eat less than men, after men have had their fill, but no United Nations utterance betrays the least concern about differential nutrition.

Four of the regional conferences are on women and population. Women, damn it, *are* the population, but women's year will not recognize that fact. It simply carries on where Population Year left off. As Elizabeth Reid, the Australian Prime Minister's special adviser on women's issues, said in the March 7 seminar sedulously ignored by all the news media except the United Nation's own back-slapping brigade, women's year looks like it is "one long Mother's Day".

If women's year had been properly planned, adequately funded, and research materials prepared in good time, women might have had cause to bless the day that Helvi Sipilä became Assistant Secretary General for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs. We might then have had accurate and comprehensive information about the half of the world's population that is speechless—about its health, its morale, its work load, its contribution to national economies, its work evaluation, the effects of social and economic change upon its life-style and social status—all the prerequisites for realistic discussion that we do not have.

Follow-through studies of women in population-planning programmes, of women as war casualties, of women as pressure groups, might have been undertaken in time to give those conferring in the various parts of the world some inkling of what the women of the world need.

Perhaps some of the 500,000,000 illiterate women in the world could have been given a voice. Some of the hundreds of millions of unpaid factuly workers might have readjusted our naive materialistic views about the importance of being integrated in the processes of production.

Notwithstanding that none of the necessary conditions for a successful International Women's Year exist, women are struggling to prevent the worst consequences of unlimited discussion of women's lives by the predominantly antifeminist United Nations.

The question is not now "What do you women expect women's year to do for you?" but "What do you fear that it will do against you?"

Our only way of controlling *the situation is, in the way of* United Nations egregiousness itself, to work for women's year, and to swallow our gall in appearing to support it.

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...r Own Correspondent
...m, June 17
...Muzna Nicola, an Arab employed by Hertford... County Council, told a ... Haifa that she had re... a proposal that she ...ose as "a poor refugee ...lestine" in London so as ...n information for the ...curity service, Shin Bet. ...aintained that the pro... as made by two of her ...tors after her arrest ...h on arrival in Israel ...ndon. Miss Nicola faces ... of being a member of ...atah terrorist organiza... forming services for it, ...ering information likely ...ge Israel's security. ...lenies the charges and ...idiated a confession she ... four days after her ... After a fortnight's ...nent, she continued her ...y against the validity of ...ession. She asserts that ...had been made against ...lly. She was still in the ... box when another ...ment for a week was ...ed yesterday.

Miss Nicola's allegation of the proposal to work as an Israel agent in Britain was made in replies to her counsel, Mrs Felicia Langer. The defendant was denying assertions by two prosecution witnesses, working for the Shin Bet, that she had voluntarily offered to work for the service if allowed to return to Britain.

She stated that her interrogators, who used the pseudonyms Abu Hanni and Abu Daoud, had offered to send her to London if she agreed to cooperate with Israel agents and act as a poor refugee girl from Palestine.

Miss Nicola agreed that she had admitted knowing Adib Abu Alwan, a Palestinian formerly in Britain, who is serving a sentence for terrorist activities; but she denied that she knew he was an Al Fatah member or that she had received $80 (about £36) from him for services to the organization. She said she told the interrogators that she knew both Mr and Mrs Alwan but was not aware of any links with Al Fatah.

The day S Africa will be an example to the world

From Michael Knipe
Cape Town, June 17

South Africans had the right to consider themselves civilized if the time, money and energy spent on conserving the ecology were a criterion of civilization, Mr Vorster, the Prime Minister, said in Port Elizabeth last night.

He was being presented with a medallion by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals for introducing an animal protection Bill in Parliament.

Mr Vorster added that South Africans would soon be able to hold their country up to the world as an example of a place where people of different opinions, races, cultures and languages could live peacefully together.

Meanwhile, in Cape Town yesterday African women pleaded for the right to remain with their husbands as Government officials demolished their shanty homes and rounded up those regarded as illegal residents in readiness for their forced removal to tribal areas.

The authorities appear to be making a determined effort to solve Cape Town's slum problem, with considerable human misery as a primary consequence.

The Government's primary means of combating the slum problem is to send squads of officials using bulldozers in pre-dawn raids to flatten the shanty settlements. Homeless Africans are then sent back to their tribal "homelands."

Another problem resulting from the Government's apartheid policies was highlighted again today.

In Natal a white judge who was seriously injured in a car accident had to wait three hours before an ambulance arrived because officials refused to send the nearest available one—an ambulance reserved for blacks only.

The judge, who had broken legs and serious injuries to his right ankle, nearly had to have his foot amputated because of the delay. He was tended by Africans while he waited.

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African leaders at the Nakuru peace talks for Angola, yesterday, from left: Dr Roberto, Dr Waiyaki, the Kenyan Foreign Minister, Dr Savimbi, and Dr Neto.

Rival Angolans in early agreement

From Our Correspondent
Nairobi, June 17

Delegates attending the talks at Nakuru aimed at reconciling the differences between the three Angolan liberation groups have accepted an agenda for further deliberations.

President Kenyatta, who opened the meeting yesterday urging the rival groups to work for unity, is not attending the working sessions today; but he is maintaining close contact with the conference.

Yesterday's sessions lasted for seven hours, and ended shortly before midnight. A drafting committee was appointed containing one representative of each party.

Conference sources spoke of a spirit of mutual understanding. The talks began with an analysis of the present situation in Angola.

The leaders attending the talks—Dr Holden Roberto of the National Front for the Liberation of Angola (FNLA), Dr Agostinho Neto of the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA), and Dr Jonas Savimbi of the National Union for the Total Liberation of Angola (UNITA)—are said to have agreed on a series of measures "fundamental to the restoration of peace".

The measures are still secret, but they are believed to concern the postponement of elections. Angola's formal independence date is set for November. Lack of preparations are said to have ruled out the elections until then.

Black market degrees on sale at £1,200 in Russia

By Gabriel Rouay

Russia's flourishing black market in bogus theses and fake degrees suffered a setback recently when four lecturers of the Kuybyshev Technical College were given heavy jail sentences for running a degree-mart in their spare time.

Nineteen purchasers of the degrees have also been given "fitting sentences".

Two militiamen and an Army commander were among those who tried to boost their chances of promotion with a degree for which they were prepared to part with 2,000 roubles (£1,200 at the official rate of exchange).

Although, according to the Soviet constitution, "all power belongs to the workers" Mr G. Karpushkin, one of the Kuybyshev lecturers, took careful note of the fact that, in present-day Russia, a degree is a passport to white-collar work and a permit to escape from manual labour. Not long ago, party membership was the only way open to advancement.

Mr Karpushkin and his three colleagues worked out a two-tier system: for 25 roubles per academic year, they provided high marks for bona fide students of their college seeking a good degree without the trouble of hard work; they charged students of extra-mural courses a steep 500 roubles for overlooking non-attendance and another 1,000 to 1,500 roubles—depending on the financial circumstances—for copying out someone else's approved diploma work.

The college then duly issued degrees to the students.

Unfortunately for the pedlars of bogus degrees, when Miss Dina Malaya, one of the "graduates" of the Kuybyshev college, was questioned by her employers about her student years, she could not remember the name of a single lecturer apart from Mr Karpushkin.

Sadat-Makarios talks on Cyprus problem

From Our Correspondent
Cairo, June 17

President Sadat conferred in Alexandria today with President Makarios of Cyprus, who is paying a four-day visit to Egypt as part of an Arab tour, including Syria, Iraq and Libya. The two heads of state exchanged views on developments in the Middle East and the Cyprus problem.

Archbishop Makarios, a close friend of the Arabs, is seeking their backing for the withdrawal of Turkish troops from Cyprus as well as the independence and territorial unity of the island. President Sadat supported President Makarios when he was briefly deposed.

Informed sources said that President Sadat had informed his Cypriot counterpart of efforts to resolve the Arab-Israel conflict peacefully, including the outcome of his recent talks in Salzburg with President Ford.

What to do about eczema

Until I read Christine Orton's article in *The Guardian* about her son's eczema, and the correspondence which followed, I did not appreciate the depth of widespread anxiety which exisred about local cortisone treatment for eczema. But first a look at eczema.

Infantile eczema commonly starts as a baby but seldom before the first 2-3 months. Most often a red itching rash develops on the cheeks and forehead which may spread to involve large parts of the body, especially those areas where there are warm deep creases such as the armpits, elbows, napkin area and behind the knees. The scalp becomes dry and flaky and there may be painful cracks behind the ears. It is the itching which causes the conditions to be so intolerable, especially as scratching only makes this worse, as well as causing the rash to ooze.

The exact cause of eczema is unknown but there are clues. It is much commoner in babies fed on cow's milk than breast milk. In fact it may start when the change is made to the bottle. There is often a family history of allergic troubles, particularly asthma and hay fever as well as eczema.

These are obvious pointers to the allergic aspect of eczema which is commonly inherited. Moreover the child who suffers from eczema may later develop asthma. When this occurs an interesting but unexplained relationship develops between these two manifestations of allergy in the same patient. As the eczema gets worse the asthma gets better and vice-versa.

Fortunately, eczema tends to improve as the child gets older although he (boys get eczema more often than girls) may be left with chronic patches in the front of the elbows and at the back of the knees.

Few other items of food, with the exception of cow's milk, can regularly be blamed. However, in a child who is severely affected the removal of one item of food at a time to discover if there is one offender is worthwhile. Sensitivity to cow's milk is very important and some children have made a dramatic improvement when fed on goat's milk or with a milk containing soya bean instead of cow's milk protein.

Temperament certainly plays a part as with so many skin disorders. The skin is such an obvious barometer of a person's feelings. This does not mean that eczema is an emotional disorder—far from it—but it is made worse by stress. The child needs treatment in the context of his family, as opposed to sending him away to boarding school.

And then there is the aspect of feeling self-conscious over the effect on others of their seeing the rash. Strangers can be particularly cruel about rashes and even teachers have been known to make unfortunate remarks. Probably these all result from fear, particularly the fear that the rash is catching. But eczema is not catching so that this anxiety can be quickly allayed.

Nothing could be more stupid than the advice that the family or the child himself should ignore the condition. The itching, let alone the appearance, makes this impossible. But distraction is something which should be practised. It is the toddler left alone who tears his skin to pieces by scratching. The child with eczema needs to have someone or something to play with all his waking hours. This sounds impossible but then all young children need full-time play and only stop playing when they are miserable or asleep. This means keeping the toddler close at hand while cooking or making the beds so that he "helps". Occasionally cardboard splints applied round both arms may help when scratching has become a full time activity. By this means the child is prevented from bending his elbows so that he can only scratch his legs, but his hands are left free so that play can continue almost unimpaired.

Keeping cool is an important part of the treatment of eczema. All skin rashes are made worse by being hot, especially eczema. The baby should be covered with as few clothes as possible, often only nappies or a pair of pants. He won't catch cold and his clothes don't get so messed up by the ointment.

And now to cortisone, one of the steroid ointments. This is not the complete answer to eczema but used correctly it is the most valuable preparation in the doctor's armamentorium. Cortisone applied first as a lotion and later as an ointment can transform an itching red oozing skin in a matter of hours. But it is not the only available preparation for eczema and it should not be applied for weeks on end. If it is applied for a long time it can cause local atrophy of the skin and enough may be absorbed into the body to slow up the child's growth as when steroids are given by mouth for long periods. But I am nowhere near as worried about this as Mrs Orton and her *Guardian* correspondents might imagine. These are not common side effects of local cortisone.

The reason why I dislike giving cortisone ointment for long is that the child nearly always relapses. This may partly be due to a mother's natural fear of using too much cortisone for too long so that she begins to apply small quantities only. It is for these reasons that I prefer an ointment containing tar and arachis oil made up in zinc paste. I ask that it should be applied thickly and liberally so that the skin is kept well protected and itches very little. The situation is transformed once the fear of treatment has been removed and the child encouraged to keep his pot of ointment near by, putting as much on as he wishes whenever he feels like scratching. It is messy but so are all skin preparations and in any case it is remarkably effective.

In addition, I prescribe an emulsifying ointment for use in the bath in place of soap which can make eczema worse. This soapy ointment is either applied all over the child before getting into the bath or else a tablespoonful is added to the water to make a lather.

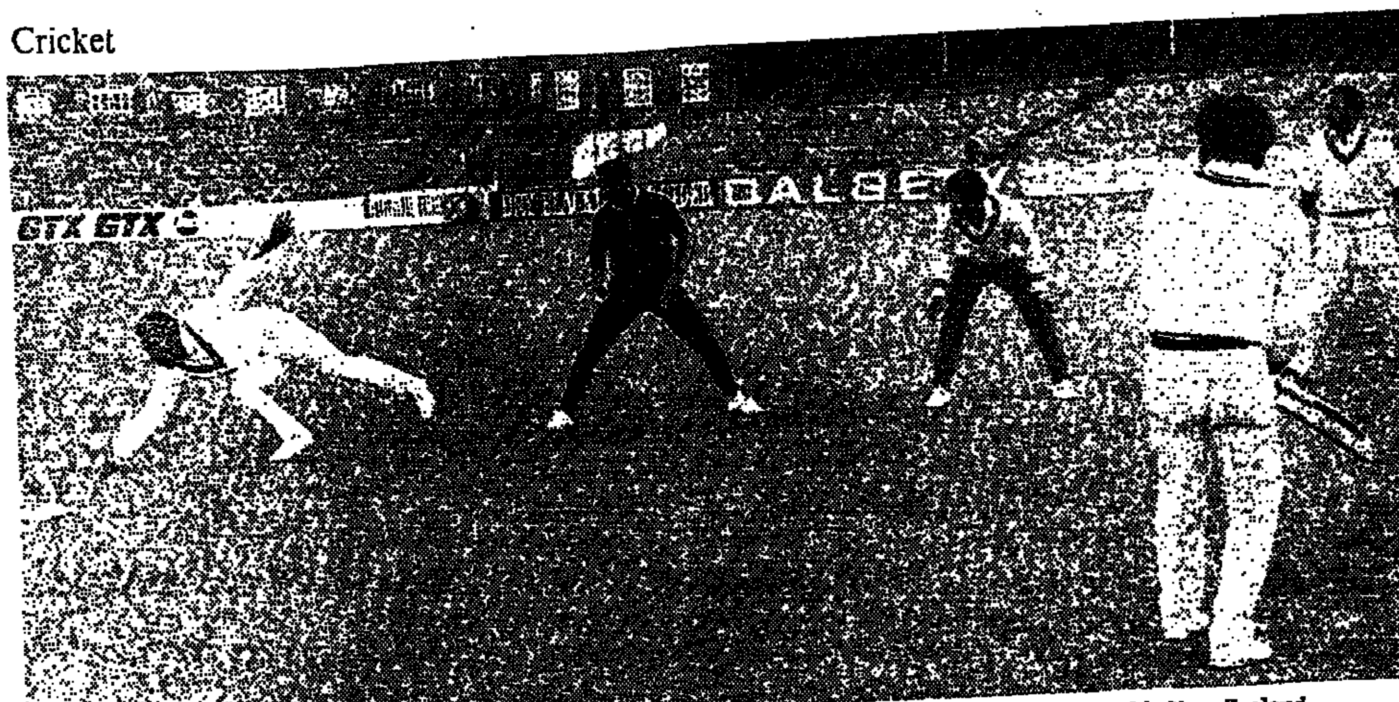
The BBC's *Visionwide* interviewed Mrs Orton about her articles and the response from the public, suggesting that sufferers from eczema were out in the wilderness. If this is how they feel then the doctors are not doing their job.

I was concerned to hear Mrs Orton suggest that the answer was to form a pressure group against the manufacturers and doctors in order to modify or stop the cortisone treatment because of its hidden dangers which were not being explained to parents. Clearly she has reason to feel this way but this is due to a failure of communication between doctors and parents. Most drugs have side effects but this is not a reason for the patient to become his own doctor and to refuse treatment. Because today's drugs are so powerful, communication between doctor and parent (or patient) must be closer than ever.

Hugh Jolly

SPORT

Cricket



West Indian cricketers at fielding practice yesterday at the Oval as they prepared for today's game with New Zealand.

England's chance to avenge winter indignities

By John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent

England have their first chance today of avenging themselves for the indignities of last winter. They meet Australia at Headingley for a place in Saturday's final of the World Cup for the Prudential trophy against either West Indies or New Zealand.

It will hardly be possible again to watch England playing Australia at Leeds, whether in a one-day or a five-day match, without thinking of 1972, the "fusarium" year; for those who were there that is. Then, as it may be now, the pitch was all important. If it is fast today Australia will probably win. If not, England must have a great chance; they have been playing well and are in good heart and full of hope.

Only three weeks before that Test match in 1972, they had had at Headingley one of the two fastest pitches I have seen for a one-day match in England. The other was at Canterbury in 1967. At Headingley Yorkshire were playing Warwickshire in the Gillette Cup, and before the first hour was up Willis had crushed one of Boycott's fingers. On anything like that today we could be back where we were in Australia, with Thomson and Lillee in their element. The Headingley pitch, though, is traditionally slow.

Today's match is to be played on the strip that was used for Australia's opening game against Pakistan 10 days ago. There was enough grass on it yesterday (where has all the "fuserium" gone?) for there to be talk of leaving Underwood out. England's attack would then be Arnold, Snow, Old, Lever and Greig. With Australia averaging perhaps 15 overs an hour, goodness knows when the match will be finished. Wood has been preferred to Jameson in the England side. Wood's fielding and the fact that he can nowl a few overs should the conditions suit him would account for this; but it would have been fun to see Jameson, the best hooker in English cricket, taking on Thomson and Lillee.

In Australia's last two matches at the Oval, against Sri Lanka and West Indies, Lillee bowled 20 overs and took one for 108. His best figures were here at Headingley against Pakistan, on today's pitch, when he took five for 34. Thomson so far has taken two for 68 in 26 overs. There were former Test cricketers at the Oval on Saturday who said they thought nothing of Thomson. He was a disappointment there, certainly; but these, for him, are early days in England, and the pitch at the Oval was very 'flat'. I remember all too well how unflattering were many of the things that were said and written about Tyson when he first played in Australia.

Whatever pace the pitch has today there must be one difference between this match and any of those which England lost last winter, and that is that Thomson and Lillee can bowl only 12 overs each. Unless England collapse disastrously there is no way that they can be pounding away from one end for hour after hour, as they did in Australia. If England, batting first, can make 230, Austalia will have to work hard to get them. England's fifth bowler will be more reliable than Australia's (Greg Chappell, Walters or possible Gilmour); their fielding is pretty good these days; and in Wood and Snow they have brought back two players with no fear of an Australian's reputation. No one's performance today will be watched with greater interest than Snow's. Luck and weather being equal England, I think, have a good chance, as indeed they should in the middle of their season and at a form of the game which they know a lot about. Denness (knee) and Knott (finger) both have slight injuries but nothing serious enough to stop them playing.

At the Oval it will be a considerable turn-up if West Indies lose to New Zealand. For that to happen Glenn Turner may need to score his third 100 of the competition. West Indies have their third home match in a row, as it were, following Edgbaston last Wednesday and the Oval on Saturday. Against Australia they looked massively impressive, with batting a long way down the order, fielding that was almost too exuberant for its own good, and bowling that lacked only a top class spinner. With Gibbs in their side, in place of Greenidge, they would have balance as well.

The teams are:

ENGLAND: (from) M. H. Denness (captain), D. L. Amiss, B. Wood, K. W. R. Fletcher, F. C. Hayes, A. W. Greig, A. P. E. Knott, C. M. Old, J. A. Snow, G. G. Arnold, D. L. Underwood, P. Lever.

AUSTRALIA: (from) I. M. Chappell (captain), A. Turner, R. B. McCosker, G. S. Chappell, K. D. Walters, R. Edwards, R. W. Marsh, G. Gilmour, M. H. N. Walker, D. K. Lillee, J. R. Thomson, A. A. Mallett.

Umpires: W. E. Alley and D. J. Constant.

WEST INDIES (from): C. H. Lloyd, R. C. Fredericks, G. C. Greenidge, A. I. Kallicharran, R. B. Kanhai, I. V. A. Richards, B. D. Julien, D. L. Murray, K. D. Boyce, V. A. Holder, A. M. E. Roberts, M. L. C.

World Cup sell-out

The Prudential World Cup final at Lord's on Saturday is a sell out and taking from a crowd of around 25,000 will be in the region of £62,000, it was announced yesterday. There will be no admission to the ground for anyone without a ticket.

Selvey earns Middlesex win at Scarborough

Selvey achieved the important breakthrough to give Middlesex a win by 20 runs over Yorkshire at Scarborough in a tense finish. Selvey removed the 19-year-old Stevenson, who had hit four sixes and three fours in his 37-minute 45, which threatened to give Yorkshire success.

The seven outstanding Middlesex wickets fell for 66 runs and their 173 left Yorkshire with 260 minutes to make 197. But their early batting was undermined by Selvey's seam attack and Edmonds's left-handed spin, half the side being out for 97.

Hampshire, who stayed two hours for 51 (six fours) was helped by Carrick in a sixth wicket stand of 48 but Yorkshire's case looked hopeless when the eighth wicket fell at 120.

But Stevenson launched a violent attack on the bowling and it took Selvey's admirably controlled attack (five for 62) to provide the deciding factor. Middlesex took 16 points and Yorkshire 7.

Cardiff

Surrey cruised comfortably to their first victory of the season on a pitch later criticized by Edrich, defeating Glamorgan by four wickets and collecting 16 points. Glamorgan, only 17 runs on with three wickets remaining, fought back strongly in the morning. Llewellyn by judicious batting, patiently waiting for the right ball, collected 58 runs and as a result Glamorgan reached 146 with Baker taking four wickets for 33 runs.

Surrey obtained their target of 129 in 170 minutes. In all there were 95 extras in a game in which the ball frequently flew high over the heads of the batsmen and 67 of them were conceded by Glamorgan, mainly by Armstrong, who was at times extremely erratic.

Northampton

Lively pace bowling by Hendrick guided Derbyshire to victory by 74 runs over Northamptonshire, their first championship success of the season.

Northamptonshire needed 238 to win but they never looked like getting them as Hendrick took four for 58 and caused all the batsmen trouble. Despite still feeling the effects of a stomach illness on Sunday he finished with match figures of nine for 106. Hendrick was well supported by Swarbrook, who took three for 32, and Millar.

Willey delayed Derbyshire's victory with a fine innings. He held out for 189 minutes for his 74, hitting seven boundaries. The rest of the batsmen showed little fight, however, and Northamptonshire were all out for 163.

Before luncheon Derbyshire were dismissed in their second innings for 151 with Millar hitting 60, his best score of the season. The Northamptonshire pace bowler Dye took seven for 64, giving him match figures of eleven for 110.

Maidstone

It took Kent only six minutes to complete victory over Sussex and take 17 points for their win by an innings and 10 runs. Sussex who took three points, resumed at 129 for nine, still needing an extra 16 runs to avoid an innings defeat. Spencer started confidently by hitting Shepherd's first ball to the square leg boundary.

He straight drove him for two in his next over but that was the end of the Sussex run-getting. Hills had Phillipson caught behind the wicket by Nicholls and Sussex were all out for 135, leaving Hills with figures of three for 40 in 19.5 overs.

Cambridge

Set to score 54 runs to beat MCC in only five overs, Cambridge University made a brave attempt but finished at 40 for one. After an hour's delay for rain at the start, MCC ended their first innings on 138 and were first forced to follow on 175 runs behind.

In their second innings Balderstone (65) and Turner (55) put on 89 for the fourth wicket. Turner should have gone when he only scored four but Murrills, in the slips, dropped him.

Edrich says he will report Cardiff pitch

After Surrey had beaten Glamorgan by four wickets at Cardiff yesterday to gain their first win of the season, their captain, John Edrich, described the wicket as dangerous and said he would be reporting its condition to Lord's.

During the game there were 95 extras, 67 of them by Glamorgan who conceded them mainly through their new bowler, Gregory Armstrong, with wides high over the heads of the batsmen and no balls.

Edrich said: "I have never seen anything like it with a drain through the wicket. There is a definite depression midway along the pitch and whereas in a normal game you may not get no more than half a dozen balls pitched on it, in this game, perhaps for personal reasons, something like three dozen were pitched on it and you never knew where they were going to end up."

He added: "When you are playing this standard of cricket you don't expect to see a long stop and the ball flying even over his head. If the ball went one side it shot along the ground and if it pitched the other side it went over your head. You just didn't know where it was going.

"I feel no more first class cricket should be played on this wicket until it has been rectified. I reported it after the Benson and Hedges match and Gloucestershire did the same. Bert Lock, the chief inspector of wickets, will have to come down to see what can be done about it, because in its present state the wicket is dangerous."

The Glamorgan groundsman, Richard Stephens, said: "The drain was put in because we had a lot of complaints from captains that the wicket was wet. In fact we were once accused of actually watering the pitch overnight. There is a slight depression, but in a normal game one would not expect more than half a dozen balls to pitch on it."

Wilfred Wooller, the Glamorgan secretary, said: "A lot of the batting in the match was bad and some Surrey batsmen seemed to be afraid of fast bowling."

Mr Wooller said his first impression was that Armstrong was too fast for the Surrey players and they did not like it. He added: "For 16 years, we have been on the receiving end and now others have to take a bit of what we had to put up with. I am delighted."

Mushtaq and Sarfraz, of Pakistan, and Bedi, of India, return for Northamptonshire's game against Worcestershire at Worcester today.

Schools results

Emanuel College, Cambridge 108; *Seaford College 72-9. *Eton 76 (T. H. L. Wilson 6-20); Wellington 79-3. Felsted 201-8 dec, The Leys 66 (D. R. Pringle 8-30). Sutton Valence 185 (P. Polycarpou 55), *Dover College 158 (P. Slade-Betts 54).
*Denotes home club.

Yorkshire v Middlesex

AT SCARBOROUGH

Middlesex (16pts) beat Yorkshire (7) by 20 runs.

MIDDLESEX: First Innings, 331 for 7 (N. G. Featherstone 147, L. A. Gomes 65 not out, M. J. Smith 55).

Second Innings

M. J. Smith, c Lumb, b Carrick	48
R. O. Butcher, b Cooper	12
*J. M. Brearley, b Robinson	4
N. G. Featherstone, l-b-w, b Cooper	61
T. M. Lamb, c Boycott, b Cooper	6
C. T. Radley, c and b Carrick	3
†J. T. Murray, c Leadbeater, b Carrick	0
L. A. Gomes, c and b Carrick	1
P. H. Edmonds, l-b-w, b Robinson	22
F. J. Titmus, not out	6
M. W. W. Selvey, b Robinson	0
Extras (l-b 8, n-b 2)	10
Total	173

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—13, 2—19, 3—100, 4—130, 5—143, 6—143, 7—145, 8—151, 9—173, 10—173.

BOWLING: Robinson, 9.5—3—36—3; Sidebottom, 4—0—22—0; Cooper, 22—6—40—3; Stevenson, 3—0—14—0; Carrick, 18—7—36—4; Cope, 3—0—15—0.

YORKSHIRE: First Innings, 328 for 5 (G. Boycott 175 not out, R. G. Lumb 88).

Second Innings

*G. Boycott, c Edmonds, b Selvey	16
R. G. Lumb, l-b-w, b Selvey	15
B. Leadbeater, c Murray, b Edmonds	1
J. H. Hampshire, c Edmonds, b Titmus	51
A. Sidebottom, c Lamb, b Edmonds	6
†D. L. Bairstow, c Smith, b Selvey	1
P. Carrick, c Butcher, b Titmus	22
H. P. Cooper, b Edmonds	2
C. B. Stevenson, c Titmus, b Selvey	45
G. A. Cope, not out	3
A. L. Robinson, b Selvey	3
Extras (b 4, l-b 6, w 1)	11
Total	176

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—31, 2—32, 3—32, 4—38, 5—47, 6—95, 7—118, 8—120, 9—168, 10—176.

BOWLING: Selvey, 28—11—62—5; Edmonds, 27—12—43—3; Lamb, 9—1—22—0; Titmus, 13—4—38—2.

Umpires: R. Aspinall and C. G. Pepper.

Glamorgan v Surrey

AT CARDIFF

Surrey (16pts) beat Glamorgan (7) by four wickets.

GLAMORGAN: First Innings, 260 for 7 (E. W. Jones 66 not out; Intikhab Alam 4 for 64).

Second Innings

*A. Jones, c Younis, b Baker	14
A. L. Jones, c Roope, b Baker	0
R. C. Davis, c Skinner, b Jackman	11
G. P. Ellis, c Younis, b Baker	0
†E. W. Jones, c Edrich, b Jackman	3
D. A. Francis, b Jackman	0
J. W. Solanky, c Roope, b Pocock	10
M. J. Llewellyn, not out	58
M. A. Nash, c Skinner, b Baker	7
A. E. Cordle, l-b-w, b Jackman	21
G. D. Armstrong, b Pocock	[illegible]
Extras (b 4, l-b 3, n-b 9)	16
Total	146

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—14, 2—33, 3—33, 4—37, 5—37, 6—39, 7—66, 8—96, 9—105, 10—146.

BOWLING: Jackman, 20—5—65—4; Butcher, 3—1—[illegible]; Baker, 14—3—33—4; Intikhab, 3—0—[illegible]; Pocock, 6—0—22—2; [illegible] 1—0—7—0.

SURREY: First Innings, 278 (G. R. J. Roope 103, L. E. Skinner 54; G. D. Armstrong 5 for 83, A. E. Cordle 4 for 77).

Second Innings

*J. H. Edrich, c E. Jones, b Armstrong	33
†M. G. Hansell, b Cordle	7
D. R. Owen-Thomas, b Cordle	39
Younis Ahmed, c Llewellyn, b Nash	9
G. R. J. Roope, c Llewellyn, b Cordle	9
L. E. Skinner, c E. Jones, b Nash	17
Intikhab Alam, not out	0
R. D. Jackman, not out	[illegible]
Extras (b 7, l-b 4, w 8, n-b 13)	32
Total (6 wkts)	131

A. R. Butcher, P. I. Pocock, R. P. Baker, did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—11, 2—48, 3—65, 4—88, 5—104, 6—127.

BOWLING: Armstrong, 17.2—6—37—1; Nash, 13—4—26—2; Cordle, 9—2—36—3.

Umpires: C. Cook and J. F. Crapp.

Northants v Derby

AT NORTHAMPTON

Derbyshire (16 pts) beat Northamptonshire (4) by 74 runs.

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings, 214 (J. C. J. Dye 4 for 46).

Second Innings

P. J. Sharpe, c Cook, b Dye	5
A. Hill, l-b-w, b Dye	4
M. H. Page, l-b-w, b Dye	6
A. Morris, c Cook, b Cottam	30
J. M. Ward, l-b-w, b Dye	0
F. W. Swarbrook, l-b-w, b Hodgson	5
†R. W. Taylor, b Hodgson	1
G. Miller, b Hodgson	60
P. E. Russell, c Williams, b Dye	8
A. Ward, c Williams, b Dye	1
M. Hendrick, not out	15
Extras (lb 1, n-b 1)	2
Total	151

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—5, 2—12, 3—26, 4—27, 5—33, 6—54, 7—75, 8—109, 9—113, 10—151.

BOWLING: Cottam, 17—1—37—1; Dye, 21—6—64—7; Hodgson, 11.4—3—32—2.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings, 128 (M. Hendrick 5 for 48).

Second Innings

A. Tait, b Hendrick	13
†R. T. Virgin, l-b-w, b Hendrick	10
D. S. Steele, l-b-w, b Russell	40
P. Willey, c Taylor, b Hendrick	74
G. Cook, l-b-w, b Swarbrook	1
W. Larkins, c Taylor, b Swarbrook	3
R. G. Williams, b Hendrick	5
G. Sharp, c Page, b Swarbrook	10
A. Hodgson, c Morris, b Miller	1
R. M. H. Cottam, b Miller	3
J. C. J. Dye, not out	0
Extras (b 15, l-b 8)	23
Total	163

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—9, 2—20, 3—28, 4—38, 5—38, 6—74, 7—82, 8—105, 9—129, 10—163.

BOWLING: Hendrick, 20—6—58—4; Swarbrook, [illegible]; Russell, 15—6—25—1; [illegible] 14—7—32—3; Miller, [illegible]—2.

Umpires: A. E. G. Rhodes and B. J. Meyer.

Kent v Sussex

AT MAIDSTONE

Kent (17 pts) beat Sussex (3) by an innings and 10 runs.

SUSSEX: First Innings, 184 (J. N. Shepherd 8 for 93).

Second Innings

G. A. Greenidge, c Cowdrey, b Shepherd	0
J. R. T. Barclay, c Topley, b Shepherd	13
M. J. J. Faber, c Nicholls, b Shepherd	24
*P. J. Graves, c Cowdrey, b Shepherd	35
A. E. Parsons, c Nicholls, b Hills	25
J. J. Groome, c Nicholls, b Hills	5
†A. W. Mansell, c Topley, b Shepherd	4
C. E. Waller, b Shepherd	0
R. P. T. Marshall, b Shepherd	3
C. P. Phillipson, c Nicholls, b Hills	5
J. Spencer, not out	6
Extras (b 9, l-b 5, n-b 1)	15
Total	135

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—10, 2—37, 3—38, 4—71, 5—101, 6—110, 7—110, 8—116, 9—129, 10—135.

BOWLING: Shepherd, 29—11—54—7; Jarvis, 10—4—26—0; Hills, 19.5—[illegible]—40—3.

KENT: First Innings, 329 (G. W. Johnson 89, D. Nicholls 68, J. N. Shepherd 52; J. Spencer 4 for 93).

Umpires: W. E. Phillipson and P. Rochford.

County championship

	P	W	L	D	Bt	Bl	Pts
Hampshire (2)	7	3	1	3	19	25	94
Kent (10)	7	3	1	3	18	26	74
Essex (12)	7	3	1	3	22	21	73
Lancashire (8)	6	3	0	3	19	17	68
Worcester (1)	7	2	2	3	17	26	63
Warwick (9)	6	2	2	1	11	21	62
Glamorgan (16)	7	2	3	2	15	25	61
Somerset (5)	6	2	1	3	17	22	59
Middlesex (6)	7	2	2	3	14	24	58
Northamptn (3)	6	2	3	1	10	23	53
Yorkshire (11)	7	1	1	5	20	23	53
Surrey (7)	7	1	1	5	17	23	51
Nottinghm (15)	6	0	1	5	18	24	42
Sussex (13)	6	1	3	2	13	17	41
Leicester (4)	6	1	0	5	17	14	41
Derbyshire (17)	7	1	3	3	9	22	31
Gloucester (14)	7	0	3	3	14	14	28

1974 positions in brackets

Other match

MILL HILL: Club Cricket Conference, 205 for 8 dec (G. J. Payne 38); Sri Lanka, 142 (R. L. John 3 for 41). CCC won by 63 runs.

Cambridge U v MCC

AT CAMBRIDGE

Cambridge University drew with MCC.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: First Innings, 313 for 9 dec (T. J. Murrills 92, A. J. Hignell 74).

Second Innings

A. J. Hignell, c Humphries, b McVicker	5
P. Roebuck, not out	22
*C. J. Aworth, not out	11
Extras (l-b 1, w 1)	2
Total (1 wkt)	40

W. Snowden, R. J. Smyth, T. J. Murrills, S. P. Coverdale, E. J. W. Jackson, P. J. Hayes, S. Wookey, M. Allbrook, did not bat.

FALL OF WICKET: 1—19.

BOWLING: McVicker, 3—0—18—1; Turner, 2—0—20—0.

MCC: First Innings

W. E. Russell, c Hayes, b Wookey	12
G. Dawson, c Aworth, b Allbrook	5
J. C. Balderstone, c Hignell, b Allbrook	5
R. A. C. Luckin, c Smyth, b Allbrook	6
*B. Reed, c Roebuck, b Allbrook	19
S. Turner, c-and-b, Roebuck	53
B. Taylor, c Coverdale, b Roebuck	8
B. Hamblin, c Wookey, b Roebuck	0
†D. Humphries, c Allbrook, b Roebuck	4
N. M. McVicker, c Allbrook, b Hayes	17
D. L. Acfield, not out	2
Extras (b 3, n-b 4)	7
Total	138

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—17, 2—18, 3—26, 4—34, 5—69, 6—91, 7—93, 8—111, 9—118, 10—138.

BOWLING: Wookey, 7—4—6—1; Hayes, 11.2—3—21—1; Jackson, 8—4—6—0; Allbrook, 22—8—59—4; Roebuck, 22—11—34—4.

Second Innings

W. E. Russell, st Coverdale, b Roebuck	19
G. Dawson, c Hignell, b Roebuck	13
J. C. Balderstone, b Wookey	65
R. A. C. Luckin, c Coverdale, b Roebuck	2
S. Turner, c Aworth, b Hayes	55
B. Reed, c Aworth, b Roebuck	20
B. Taylor, c Aworth, b Allbrook	2
B. Hamblin, l-b-w, b Roebuck	20
D. Humphries, not out	22
N. M. McVicker, b Roebuck	0
D. L. Acfield, c Hignell, b Allbrook	1
Extras (b 8, l-b 1)	9
Total	228

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—26, 2—49, 3—61, 4—105, 5—156, 6—159, 7—200, 8—201, 9—201, 10—228.

BOWLING: Wookey, 8—3—25—1; Roebuck, 31—12—78—6; Hayes, 10—1—26—1; Allbrook, 21.3—5—59—3; Jackson, 7—3—18—0; Aworth, 4—0—13—0.

Umpires: N. Knight and E. Wye.

Today's cricket

PRUDENTIAL CUP (Semi-final round, 11 to 7.30, 60 overs).
LEEDS: England v Australia.
THE OVAL: New Zealand v West Indies.
COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
SWANSEA: Glamorgan v Kent (11.0 to 6.30).
MANCHESTER: Lancashire v Middlesex (11.0 to 6.30).
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Somerset (11.30 to 7.0).
NOTTINGHAM: Nottinghamshire v Sussex (11.30 to 7.0).
BIRMINGHAM: Warwickshire v Yorkshire (11.30 to 7.0).
WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Northamptonshire (11.0 to 6.30).
SECOND XI COMPETITION
LUTTERWORTH: Leicestershire II v Glamorgan II.
CROUCH END: Middlesex II v Essex II.
GUILDFORD: Surrey II v Hampshire II.
BIRMINGHAM (M and G ground): Warwickshire II v Lancashire II.
MINOR COUNTIES
WISBECH: Cambridgeshire v Lincolnshire.

Second XI competition

HARROGATE: Yorkshire II 255 for 4 dec and 169 for 3 dec (A. Townsley 89, C. Johnson 67 not out); Glamorgan II 156 for 8 dec and 170 for 9. Match drawn.

HARROW: Middlesex II, 273 for 6 dec and 175 for 2 dec; Warwickshire II, 224 for 8 dec (J. E. Emburey 5 for 73) and 203 for 8 (R. N. Abberley 60, J. Whitehouse 76, M. J. Vernon 5 for 71). Match drawn.

Under-25 competition

BOURNEMOUTH: Hampshire, 214 for 5 (N. G. Cowley 61); Somerset, 160 (P. A. Slocombe 69, C. Taylor 3 for 29). Hampshire won by 54 runs.

Tennis

Britain's luck may run out quickly

By Rex Bellamy
Tennis Correspondent

Tanner v Lutz, Ashe v Hewitt, Gorman v El Shafei, Pilic v Okker, Hrebec v Roche, and Mrs Court v Miss Fromholtz are a few samples of the attractive matches the luck of the draw has provided in the first round of the Wimbledon tennis championships, which begin next Monday. All these contests, and others too, should be rich in quality, character, or both.

On a personal level the most piquant of the lot is perhaps that between Margaret Court, three times champion, and her compatriot and *protégée*, Dianne Fromholtz, aged 18. Last November, when Mrs Court was resuming competition after the birth of her second child, she was beaten by Miss Fromholtz in the South African championships. Now they must clash at Wimbledon.

Another section of the draw of particular interest to Australians is that featuring Evonne Goolagong, seeded fourth. In successive matches she may have to meet two players, Helen Gourlay and Karen Krantzcke, who have also represented Australia. But no seed has drawn a more formidable group of "floaters" (those players most likely to disturb the seedings) than Virginia Wade of Britain, who reached the last four a year ago.

Miss Wade has a bye in the first round and what should be an easy match in the second. But her next two opponents will probably be Janet Newberry, who holds the British hard court title and reached the semi-final round of the French championship, and the survivor of a group including Rosemary Casals (four times in Wimbledon's semi-final round), Nancy Gunter (who once reached the last four and on six other occasions advanced to the last eight), and Lesley Hunt, who kept Christine Evert on court for two hours and three quarters in one of Wimbledon's most thrilling matches last season. Miss Wade can play only one of these three. But whoever it is will be playing well.

The women's draw looks unusual because, instead of being split into compact blocks of 16 at each end of the draw, the 32 byes have been scattered all the way through it, with one bye in each group of four places. Britain have done well out of this. Of the top eight players in the national rankings, only Jacqueline Fayter, who has drawn a qualifier, needs to play in the first round.

Britain's luck will soon run out. Likely second round matches are Susan Barker v Kerry Reid (formerly Miss Melville), who holds the South African title, Susan Mappin v Martina Navratilova, the second seed, and Veronica Burton v Billie Jean King, five times champion.

Miss Navratilova told me recently that she had never played Mrs King, was unlikely to have many more chances because the American is playing only a restricted programme these days, and would welcome the opportunity to tackle her at Wimbledon, especially in the final. The draw has decreed that if Mrs King and her young admirer meet at all, then the final it must be.

The men's field lacks Newcombe, Laver and Orantes, but nevertheless has such a depth of distinction that most of the 16 seeds have cause for apprehension. Connors, the champion, should play Vijay Amritraj in the second round and Cox in the third. By contrast, the second seed, Rosewall, has a draw that should give him a little more time to into top gear.

Borg can muse about nam... Taylor, Fillol, Riessen, Dibl... Pasarell. Vilas, beaten by B... last Sunday's French final, have to defeat either Onny... or Cliff Drysdale in order t... tify his seeding. Nastase shou... have a great deal to get a... about until he plays Tann... Lutz in the fourth round.

Ashe probably has the to... draw. On his way to the las... he will probably have t... Hewitt, van Dillen (Ashe's d... partner), Gottfried and Alex... Smith, no longer the force h... will have to find some appr... tion to his old form to... from a strong group that i... Metreveli and Okker. R... seeded eighth and eager to... himself on grass, will have... so quickly, notably against t... ner of the first round... between Gorman and El S...

Britain's six most highly... men have drawn the followi... round opponents: Cox v... Taylor v Fillol, Mottram v... Andersson, of Sweden, Joh... v Connors, Farrell v a qu... and Lewis v Gottfried. Llo... Lewis are thus presente... immediate opportunities... vance their reputations.

Details of Wimbledon draw in all five events

Men's singles

Top half
J. CONNORS (US) v J. Lloyd (GB).
V. Amritraj (In) v B. Phillips-Moore (A).
I. Tiriac (Rom) v M. Cox (GB).
J. Loyo-Mayo (M) v qualifier 12.
V. GERULAITIS (US) v R. Ruffels (A).
L. Molina (Co) v qualifier 2.
W. Brown (US) v R. Crealy (A).
P. Dent (A) v J. Pisecky (Cz).
R. RAMIREZ (M) v N. Spear (Y).
A. Stone (A) v J. Borowiak (US).
T. Gorman (US) v I. el Shafei (UAR).
A. Panatta (Italy) v qualifier 16.
J. KODES (Cz) v G. Goven (F).
G. Masters (A) v qualifier 14.
C. Dowdeswell (Rh) v C. Richey (US).
B. Taroczy (H) v qualifier 4.
G. VILAS (Ar) v qualifier 13.
R. Moore (SA) v J. Yuill (SA).
U. Pinner (WG) v P. Cornejo (Ch).
W. Austin (US) v qualifier 9.
O. PARUN (NZ) v N. Fraser (A).
J. Andrews (US) v C. Drysdale (SA).
A. Mayer (US) v A. Gardiner (A).
P. McNamara (A) v qualifier 1.
I. NASTASE (Rom) v T. Kakulia (USSR).
K. Meiler (WG) v S. Stewart (US).
M. Estep (US) v D. Crawford (US).
R. Dell (US) v R. Drysdale (GB).
R. TANNER (US) v R. Lutz (US).
M. Farrell (GB) v qualifier 10.
J. Fassbender (WG) v H. Kary (Aus).
B. Mignot (Bel) v C. Owens (US).

Bottom half
Qualifier 11 v qualifier 8.
G. Reid (US) v F. McMillan (SA).
P. Kronk (A) v H. Pohmann (WG).
J. ALEXANDER (A) v J. Kuki (J).
J. Velasco (Co) v qualifier 7.
B. Gottfried (US) v R. A. Lewis (GB).
J. Kamiwazumi (J) v E. van Dillen (US).
A. ASHE (US) v R. Hewitt (SA).
A. Pasarell (US) v qualifier 15.
P. Gerken (US) v E. Mandarino (Br).
T. Waltke (US) v C. Dibley (A).
M. RIESSEN (US) v P. Proisy (F).
W. Fibak (Pol) v qualifier 3.
J. Fillol (Ch) v R. Taylor (GB).
H. Elschenbroich (WG) v M. Holecek (stateless).
B. BORG (Sw) v qualifier 6.
R. Fisher (US) v P. Dominguez (F).
R. Carmichael (A) v K. Warwick (A).
A. Zugarelli (It) v H. Rahim (Pak).
T. OKKER (N) v N. PILIC (Y).
R. Thung (N) v J. Caujolle (F).
A. Metreveli (USSR) v A. Amritraj (I).
A. Pattison (Rh) v T. Koch (Br).
S. SMITH (US) v B. Bertram (SA).
S. Krulevitz (US) v F. McNair (US).
R. Creiss (US) v R. Case (A).
P. Bertolucci (I) v J. Ganzabal (Ar).
A. ROCHE (A) v J. Hrebec (Cz).
S. Ball (A) v qualifier 5.
C. Mottram (GB) v B. Andersson (Sw).
M. Lara (M) v J. Feaver (GB).
K. ROSEWALL (A) v C. Barazzutti (I).

Women's singles

Top half
C. EVERT (US) v C. O'Neill (A).
E. Appel (N), bye.
R. Tenney (US), bye.
K. Sawamatsu (J) v qualifier 8.
D. Dalton (A) v A. Coe (GB).
L. Beaven (GB), bye.
B. Kuypers (SA), bye.
L. Mottram (GB) v qualifier 6.
G. REID (A) v V. Granaturova (USSR).
S. Barker (GB), bye.
B. Nagelsen (US), bye.
H. Anliot (Sw) v B. Stove (N).
L. Blachford (GB) v K. Wooldridge (GB).
S. Walsh (US), bye.
J. Young (A) v M. Michel (US).
L. Pericoli (It), bye.
L. KING (US) v C. Vlotman (SA).
V. Burton (GB), bye.
M. Forsgardh (Sw) v J. Anthony (US).
M. Pelsachov (Is), bye.
O. de Roubin (F), bye.
M. Gurdal (Bel) v qualifier 4.
V. Ziegenfuss (US) v V. Ruzici (Rom).
P. Darmon (F), bye.
O. MOROZOVA (USSR), bye.
F. Durr (F) v M. Simionescu (Rom).
T. Zwaan (N) v M. Nasuelli (It).
Qualifier 2, bye.
M. Jausovec (Y), bye.
P. Teeguarden (US) v D. Ganz (US).
N. Fuchs (F), bye.
C. Mattison (A) v qualifier 6.

Bottom half
L. Hunt (A), bye.
J. Chanfreau (F) v R. Casals (US).
K. Gunter (US), bye.
M. Pinter (Cz) v L. Boshoff (SA).
J. Newberry (US) v M. Schaar (N).
L. Kaligis (Ind), bye.
I. Riedel (WG) v B. Downs (US).
V. WADE (GB), bye.
Qualifier 3, bye.
J. Fayter (GB) v qualifier 1.
J. Palsh (A) v P. Doerner (A).
M. Tyler (GB), bye.
I. Kloss (SA), bye.
K. Krantzcke (A) v qualifier 7.
H. Gourlay (A) v L. Hume (GB).
E. GOOLAGONG (A), bye.
R. Giscafre (Ar), bye.
P. Hogan (US) v A. Kiyomura (US).
G. Coles (GB), bye.
F. Bonicelli (Ur) v Y. Vermaak (SA).
R. Tomanova (Cz), bye.
J. Connor (NZ) v F. Guedy (F).
J. Greer (US), bye.
M. COURT (A) v D. Fromholtz (A).
N. Chmyreva (USSR) v C. Meyer.
I. Fernandez (Col), bye.
T. Holladay (US) v R. Whitehouse (SA).
L. Charles (GB), bye.
L. du Pont (US) v C. Stevens (SA).
J. Benzer (Sw), bye.
S. Mappin (GB), bye.
M. NAVRATILOVA (Cz) v W. Turnbull (A).

Men's doubles

Top half
B. GOTTFRIED and R. RAMIREZ v qualifier 5.
C. Pasarell and R. Tanner v J. Feaver and J. Paish.
D. Lloyd and S. Warboys v S. Krulevitz and T. Waltke.
D. Parun and O. Parun v V. Gerulaitis and A. Mayer.
A. ASHE and E. VAN DILLEN v W. Brown and N. Spear.
P. Bertolucci and A. Panatta v P. Cornejo and J. Fillol.
G. Battrick and G. Stilwell v H. Hose and R. Thung.
F. Paiz and J. Pisecky v G. Goven and P. Proisy.
R. LUTZ and S. SMITH v R. Fisher and R. Creiss.
H. Elschenbroich and F. Gebert v M. Estep and K. Warwick.
R. Moore and A. Pattison v qualifier 1.
J. Fassbender and H. Pohmann v B. Andersson and T. Svensson.
J. ALEXANDER and P. DENT v S. Ball and R. Carmichael.
E. Mandarino and T. Vasquez v M. Holecek and K. Meiler.
R. Case and G. Masters v P. J. Cramer and H. Kary.
A. Amritraj and V. Amritraj v S. Bertram and J. Yuill.

Bottom half
T. Kakulia and A. Metreveli v W. Fibak and F. V. McNair.
R. Ruffels and A. Stone v qualifier 5.
P. Dominguez and W. N'Godrella v J. Bartlett and J. Kuki.
T. OKKER and M. RIESSEN v M. Farrell and J. Lloyd.
R. Dell and S. Stewart v qualifier 4.
B. Phillips-Moore and E. Scott v J. Caujolle and J. Haillet.
J. Kamiwazumi and Y. Tezuka v N. Kelaidis and B. Mignot.
R. HEWITT and F. McMILLAN v L. Alvarez and R. Ganzabal.
C. Dibley and A. Roche v J. Hrebec and J. Kodes.
J. Andrews and M. Machette v J. Borowiak and J. McManus.
I. el Shafei and T. Koch v P. Szoke and B. Taroczy.
M. COX and C. DRYSDALE v I. Molina and J. Velasco.
B. Borg and G. Vilas v P. Gerken and H. Rahim.
W. Austin and C. Owens v C. Mottram and R. Taylor.
R. Crealy and N. Pilic v qualifier 2.
J. CONNORS and I. NASTASE v M. Lara and J. Loyo-Mayo.

Women's doubles

Top half
E. GOOLAGONG and M. MICHEL v H. Anliot and M. Wikstedt.
S. Barker and G. Coles, bye.
V. Ruzici and M. Simionescu v L. du Pont and W. Turnbull.
O. de Roubin and B. Simon, bye.
L. Hunt and V. Ziegenfuss v C. Mattison and P. Whytcross.
A. Kiyomura and K. Sawamatsu, bye.
P. Hogan and C. Vlotman v J. Benzer and R. Tenney.
M. Gurdal and M. van Haver v C. EVERT and M. NAVRATILOVA v qualifier 1.
B. Nagelsen and L. M. Tenney, bye.
P. Bostrom and C. Meyer v N. Fuchs and P. Pelsachov.
M. Forsgardh and C. Sandberg, bye.
H. Elsterlehner and I. Riedel v qualifier.
L. Kaligis and R. Supiarto, bye.
H. Gourlay and K. Krantzcke, bye.
P. Teeguarden and R. Tomanova v K. May and G. Stevens.

Bottom half
B. Cuypers and R. A. Whitehouse v F. Durr and B. Stove.
L. Bassi and L. Pericoli, bye.
K. Fukuoka and T. Sada, bye.
V. Burton and G. Moloseworth v L. Charles and S. Mappin.
J. Hanrahan and D. Ruddell, bye.
L. Boshoff and I. Kloss v L. Geeves and M. Tyler.
F. Bonicelli and M. Jausovec, bye.
M. COURT and V. WADE v I. Roget and E. Weisenberger.
P. Darmon and M. Pinter, bye.
D. Fromholtz and R. Giscafre v qualifier 2.
L. Beaven and J. Palsh, bye.
J. Anthony and O. Morozova v J. Newberry and S. Walsh.
L. Hume and K. Wooldridge v D. Dalton and J. Young.
P. Doerner and C. M. O'Neil... A. Coe and B. Thompson, bye.
R. CASALS and L. KING v ... and T. Zwaan.

Mixed doubles

Top half
M. RIESSEN and MRS B. COU... Fraser and J. Young.
P. Rodriguez and Mrs Rodrig... Alexander and Miss L. Hunt.
I. Molina and Miss R. Tom... P. Cramer and Mrs L. Hume...
C. P. Kachel and Miss C. O'N... McNamara and Miss C. Ma...
V. Amritraj and Miss K. ... Warboys and Miss J. Newb...
S. Stewart and Miss L. Kl... Parun and Miss J. Connor...
D. McMillan and Mrs D. ... J. Kuki and Miss T. Sade.
M. W. Collins and Miss A. ... Kakulia and Miss N. Chmyr...
J. KODES and MISS M. NAVR... v W. Austin and Miss P. Au...
T. Koch and Miss H. Anl... Bertram and Miss B. Cuype...
G. Perkins and Miss W. T... qualifier 3.
F. Walthall and Miss G. ... K. Warwick and Miss E. G...
R. Ruffels and Miss K. Kr... F. McNair and Mrs P. Pel...
C. Dowdeswell and Miss L. ... qualifier 4.
P. Pokorny and Miss S. Pa... Wilson and Miss J. Fayter.
D. Lloyd and Mrs P. Doer... Yuill and Miss R. Whiteh...

Bottom half
E. Mandarino and Mrs Mand... Krulevitz and Miss L. Mo...
M. Machette and Miss S. W... Panatta and Mrs Maso.
R. Thung and Miss Zwaan v ... and Mrs J. Chanfreau.
K. Wooldridge and Mrs Wo... A. McDonald and Miss P...
R. Lewis and Miss G. C... Velasco and Miss I. Ferna...
J. G. Palsh and Mrs Palsh v ... son and Mrs M. Forsgardh.
R. Drysdale and Miss L. ... N. Pilic and Miss M. Jaus...
A. METREVELI and MRS O... ZOVA v J. Feaver and ... Fromholtz.
R. Hewitt and Miss R. Ca... Mignot and Miss M. Gurd...
J. Kamiwazumi and Miss A. ... v J. Holladay and Miss T. ...
G. E. Reid and Mrs Reid v ... and Miss S. Wade.
R. Case and Miss F. Durr v ... A. Stone and Miss B. St... Farrell and Miss L. Charle...
P. Bertolucci and Mrs P. ... qualifier 2.
Y. Tezuka and Miss K. Saw... J. Lloyd and Miss L. Blach...
A. ROCHE and MRS L. KI... Lara and Mrs P. Darmon.

Abbreviations

A, Australia; Ar, Argen... Austria; Be, Belgium; Br, ... Chile; Co, Colombia; Cz, ... vakia; F, France; H, Hu... India; Ind, Indonesia; Is, ... Italy; J, Japan; M, Mexico; ... lands; NZ, New Zealand; Pak... Pol, Poland; Rh, Rhode... Romania; SA, South Africa; ... Sw, Sweden; UAR, United A... lic; Ur, Uruguay; WG, West ... Y, Yugoslavia. Seeded players in capitals.

Farrell endures five match points before Smith falls

Mark Farrell, the burly 22-year-old Liverpool left-hander had one of the best wins of his career yesterday as he hammered out a 9—8, 9—8 second round victory against the tough American, Stan Smith, in the £45,000 tennis tournament at Nottingham sponsored by John Player. Farrell, serving and volleying with immense power toppled the man who won the title a year ago.

The British left-hander ranked No 5 in the country but deposed from the Davis Cup team this year, had to fight his way through five match points in a two hour match before making certain of his place in the last 16, for which he is assured of at least £500.

In his previous match on the opening day Farrell was involved in an incident with his umpire and successfully demanded his removal. Last night, however, there were no such complications, although both Farrell and Smith replayed a couple of points after agreeing between themselves to do so.

The hard working referee at the tournament came down firmly in favour of umpires and twice refused demands by players to change them. After being summoned to arbitrate in two lengthy disputes, the referee, Calvin Dubois, in each instance told the umpires to carry on after turning down the demands for a change of officials.

Later Mr Dubois said: "And they are demands and not polite requests. The players are getting too tensed up and I put it down entirely to the fact that there is some very big money about in the game these days".

Mr Dubois spoke after sorting out a complaint by a furious David Lloyd, the former British Davis Cup player. Lloyd was angry with his umpire, Brian Wise, from Leicestershire, and claimed that he had cost him the match against John Feaver, another British player. Lloyd had lost a match point to a Feaver ace at 7—6 in the second set. Lloyd claimed the service was out. When the umpire called it good Lloyd stormed: "That is the most expensive mistake you've ever made. You have just cost me nearly £400".

Lloyd was still fuming after Feaver had completed the game for 7—7 and he told Mr Wise to fetch the referee. There was a long hold-up while Mr Dubois made his way to the court some 80 yards down the road and on the way there the umpire told him: "I am not prepared to carry on in these circumstances in case I make another mistake".

But the umpire left the ultimate decision to Mr Dubois and he, after saying he was satisfied with the way Mr Wise was handling the match, asked him to carry on. Mr Dubois told Lloyd: "I am not prepared to discuss a point which took place earlier in a game which has now been completed." But with Lloyd still angry, the match did not last much longer for Feaver won the set to square the score and then hammered out a 6—1 decider to win 4—6, 9—7, 6—1 for a place in the third round. Afterwards, giving his version of the incident, Feaver said: "After David had eventually lost the game he just went berserk."

The Wimbledon favourite, Jimmy Connors, reached the last 16 in the singles which carries a first prize of £7,500. He had a minor scare in his opening match against a fellow American, Bob Kreiss, dropping the opening set 7—9 but he recovered well and went on to win 7—9, 6—2, 6—2 with little exertion. In his second match Connors beat the Austrian number one, Hans Kary.



Connors, the No 1 seed at Wimbledon, in action at Nottingham yesterday.

MEN'S SINGLES: First round: J. Alexander (Australia) beat R. Taylor, 9—8, 7—5; A. Metreveli (USSR) beat B. Phillips-Moore (Australia), 6—3, 6—4; A. Ashe (US) beat P. Gerken (US), 6—1, 6—4; C. Richey (US) beat T. Koch (Brazil), 3—6, 7—5, 6—2; S. Smith (US) beat J. Fillol (Chile), 6—2, 7—5; J. Connors (US) beat R. Kreiss (US), 7—9, 6—2, 6—2; T. Gorman (US) beat M. Riessen (US), 3—6, 7—5, 6—4; S. Stewart (US) beat J. Andrews (US), 6—2, 2—6, 6—3; R. Crealy (Australia) beat J. Kamiwazumi (Japan), 6—4, 7—5; J. Kuki (Japan) beat D. Crawford (US), 8—6, 2—6, 6—2; I. El Shafei (Egypt) beat C. Dibley (Australia), 6—4, 6—4; G. Vilas (Argentina) beat N. Kelaidis (Greece), 6—2, 6—0; J. Kodes (Czechoslovakia) beat R. A. Lewis, 6—2, 6—2.

SECOND ROUND: B. Gottfried (US) beat P. Cornejo (Chile), 6—3, 7—6; A. Roche (Australia) beat R. Crealy, 6—2, 9—8; T. Okker (Netherlands) beat E. van Dillen (US), 6—3, 8—6; R. Carmichael (Australia) beat V. Amritraj (India), 7—6, 1—6, 6—1; J. Feaver beat D. A. Lloyd, 4—6, 9—7, 6—1; Connors beat H. Kary (Austria), 6—1, 6—4; R. Tanner (US) beat M. Holecek (Czechoslovakia), 6—3, 6—4; Ashe beat Stewart, 9—8, 9—7; Metreveli beat J. Loyo-Mayo (Mexico), 4—6, 6—3, 6—2; Alexander beat R. Moore (South Africa), 9—8, 6—4; Borowiak beat Kuki, 6—2, 6—3; M. Farrell beat S. Smith (US), 9—8, 9—8; G. Vilas (Argentina) beat J. Ganzabal (Argentina), 5—7, 6—3, 6—3; Gorman beat W. J. Fibak (Poland), 7—6, 1—6, 8—6.

Determination carries Robinson through

Martin Robinson, from Bolton, fought back from the brink of defeat to win a place in the third round of the men's singles in the Wimbledon qualifying tennis tournament, at Roehampton, yesterday.

Robinson had lost the first set on a tie-break and trailed 4—1 in the second against the Swiss player, Matrias Werren. He put himself back in the match by winning the next five games, and the set 7—5. Determination carried him through the final set, in which he gained the only service break—in the eleventh game, to win, 8—9, 7—5, 7—5.

Jonathan Smith, from Exeter, was also forced to a first set tie-break, which he won, by former Indian Davis Cup player, Premjit Lall. But there it ended, for the 35-year-old Lall retired with a pulled shoulder muscle.

Gerald Battrick, playing in the qualifying tournament for the first time for 11 years, found himself in unexpected difficulties against a 19-year-old player from Prague, Pavel Slozil, who is inex... on grass courts.

There was nothing t... danger as Battrick sailec... his first set, but his ... apart and he lost the sec... The challenge evaporat... tenth and last game of ... set when Slozil, a memb... Czechoslovak Galea Cup ... team, was beaten by tw... returns and finished ... double faults.

Graham Stilwell, ... doubles partner at W... dismissed the 21-year-ol... lian Ernest Ewert with ... 6—4. John Paish also ... two sets to beat Yuji T... Japan.

Corinne Moleswort... Devon, made hard wor... woman's singles secon... match against Minette d... of South Africa. After ... only one game in the o... she relaxed and lost th... finally struggling throug... 6—1, 6—8, 8—6.

Linda Geeves, from ... joined her in the third r...

Results at Roehampton yesterd...

MEN'S SINGLES: First round: M. F. Pala (Czechoslovakia) beat G. W. Parkins (Australia), 8—7, 7—5, 6—3; J. W. Blocher (US) beat S. E. Myers (Australia), 6—3, 6—4; S. J. Docherty (Australia) beat C. Robertson (Australia), 6—3, 6—2; L. Palin (Finland) beat J. H. McManus (US), 7—5, 3—6, 6—4; L. Elvarez (Argentina) beat S. Kato (Japan), 6—3, 6—4; U. Marten (WG) beat H. R. Brittain (Australia) 6—4, 7—5; C. S. Wells beat D. Segal (SA), 6—4 6—2; S. Wright (Australia) beat J. P. Fort (US), 3—6, 9—7, 6—3.

SECOND ROUND: M. R. Edmondson (Australia) beat S. Menon (India), 6—3, 2—6, 6—3; R. Mitton (SA) beat F. B. Bishop (US), 6—2, 6—0; T. Vasquez (Argentina) beat M. Timonen (Finland), 6—4, 9—7; C. J. Lewis (NZ) beat K. Hirai (Japan), 6—4, 6—0; H. Hose (Venezuela) beat N. Jenson (Australia), 6—1, 6—4; P. Gentil (Brazil) beat A. H. Lloyd, 6—4, 6—3; G. R. Stilwell beat E. W. Ewert (Australia), 6—1, 6—4; K. Pugayer (USSR) beat J. Zabrodsky (Sweden), 8—9, 6—2, 6—3; C. Mukerjea (India) beat G. S. Thomson (Australia), 3—6, 7—5, 6—1; J. C. Trickey (Australia) beat T. J. Little (Australia), 7—5, 4—6, 6—1; C. M. Robinson beat M. Werren (Switzerland), 8—9, 7—5, 7—5.

V. Zednik (Czechoslovakia) beat R. C. Ray (US), 1—6, 9—8, 6—2; J. W. James (Australia) beat D. A. Parun (NZ), 9—8, 6—4; J. Andrew (Venezuela) beat F. P. Walthall (US), 6—4, 4—6, 6—3; P. G. Campbell (Australia) beat J. S. Haney (US), 6—4, 5—7, 7—5; C. Kirmayer (Brazil) beat M. W. Collins, 6—3, 9—8; J. G. Paish beat Y. Tezuka (Japan), 9—7, 6—4; V. Pecci (Paraguay) ... Bardsley (Canada), 6—4, 6... Chanfreau (France) beat G. ... (SA), 6—3, 6—4; T. Smi... slovakia) beat P. Hagelauer ... 6—3, 6—3; J. K. Holliday ... P. R. Langford (NZ), 6—3 ... Battrick beat P. Slozil (Czech... 6—2, 1—6, 6—4; J. R. ... P. Lall (India), 9—8, retd.

WOMEN'S SINGLES: Sec... Miss H. Elsterlehner ... Miss L. E. Morse (US), 3... 6—1; Miss C. Molesworth ... M. A. de Villiers (SA), 6... 8—6; Miss K. May (US... A. van Haver (Belgium), 6... Miss K. D. Ruddell (Aus... Miss J. Walker (Austral... 6—2; Miss B. Bruning ... Mrs Y. Soemarno (Indone... 6—3; Miss J. L. Dimond ... beat Miss H. D. Liebent... 6—3, 7—5; Miss N. Sato (... Miss S. Moore (US), 6... Miss J. L. Wilton (Australia... K. Hallam (Australia), 3... 6—4.

Miss L. Geeves beat A du ... 6—3, 6—0; Miss R. Stark ... Miss E. S. Weisenberger ... 6—4, 6—4; Miss P. J. ... (Australia) beat Miss P. ... 7—5, 6—4; Miss P. A. ... beat Miss M. Hanrahan ... 8—6, 6—4; Miss C. E. M... (Sweden) beat Miss ... (Austria), 6—1, 6—3; ... Haas (US) beat Miss J. ... 6—1, 6—2; Miss L. A. R... beat Miss B. R. Thomson; ... 6—4; Miss L. M. Tenney ... Miss S. M. Villaverdi ... 6—3, 6—4.

Miss Evert told by doct... to rest from competitio...

Christine Evert, the Wimbledon champion and favourite to win the title this year, has stomach trouble and has withdrawn from the women's international tournament at Eastbourne, in which she was top seed.

Miss Evert, 20, had similar trouble in Paris last week, during the French championships, in which she beat Martina Navratilova in the final at the weekend. She looked fit in practice at Eastbourne on Monday and was due to play her opening match yesterday before it was known that rain would allow only one unfinished match to be completed before stopping play for the day.

The trouble occurred ... and the doctor who exa... Evert said that if she p... week she would end... chances of being able ... Wimbledon. He added ... should not play ag... Friday.

This is an obvious s... the champion who, lik... the other top players ... been competing on the ... circuit, faces a problem ... adjusted to grass befor... don begins. No doubt ... have intensive practice ... weekend but she would ... ferred at least one c... match before opening t... of her title on Tuesday

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liano may be one of r second-day ners for Piggott

el Phillips
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fascinating day's racing at Ascot on this the y of the royal meeting. glance down the card be enough to encourage al to Lester Piggott to the great jockey is all field day. Piggott has every race and I will be mildly surprised if he course empty handed ng. I will not be even ck if he wins four races. on Gay Fandango (2.30), .05), Galiano (3.45), and 30).

er rides will be on Rous- he Coronation Stakes and yal in the Queen's Vase are *far from being for-* s. The Jersey Stakes promises to be a thrilling iser. The field includes lango and Golden Aim, *who* finished fourth and he Irish 2000 Guineas; elt who won the Free and then *finished fifth* ,000 Guineas; and the illy, Joking Apart, who n a length by Nocturnal Girl Friend when she hird in the 1,000 Guineas. Court, Fastacre, Rozel Hillandale are all good heir own right, but the s of the race seem to suit lango, Golden Aim and part. Our Irish corre- wrote on Monday that lango had been troubled hins since the Irish 2,000 n which he did so well so inexperienced. A Monday at Ballydoyle ipperary, where he is Vincent O'Brien, was to whether or not he flown to Ascot for to- e. The fact that he has *nt speaks for itself.* would not have under- journey had he not been th the colt and confident tcome. Golden Aim who virtually alongside Gay in the Irish classic can- left out, but Gay Fan- is greater scope. watching our 1,000 I formed the impression ing Apart's best distance ell turn out to be seven and in the circumstances ot surprising to hear her Ian Balding, say later that ed to keep her in reserve r's race which will be run t distance. But I cannot help wondering whether Joking Apart might be troubled by firm ground simply because it was her knees that gave so much cause for anxiety last year.

Hayloft, Piggott's ride in the Queen Mary Stakes is by that in- fluential stallion, Tudor Melody, and out of Haymaking, a good filly who won the Coronation Stakes on this day 10 years ago. Hayloft created a good impression when she won her only race so far at Salisbury by beating Blue Raffles, who promptly won her next race at Sandown Park. Hay- loft worked well on the downs above Blewbury on Saturday. Her trainer, Fulke Johnson Hough- ton, fears Western Jewel, who works more often than not on his own gallops. Western Jewel is trained by a neighbour, that shrewd individual, Gavin Hunter, who is not one prone to mistake geese for swans. And Hunter is adamant that Western Jewel is a good filly.

His opinion has already been backed, because Western Jewel has won at Warwick, Chester and Kempton Park. Enchanted and Daring Song, second and third behind Mill Reef's talented sister, Memory Lane, at Sandown should also get in the hunt. Lace Curtain *LII looks the best of the three* Irish challengers. She has won both her races. Harrapan Seal is Steel Heart's younger sister.

A year ago Old Lucky won the Royal Hunt Cup by beating Fabled Diplomat, Anak Malaysia, Galiano and Long Row. Old Lucky is in the field again as are Galiano and Long Row. The weights favour Galiano this time and he is my selection. He has been trained this season especially with this race in mind by Barry Hills and his low draw, close to the rails nearest the stands could be an advan- tage on good ground. Gloss, at his best, Ardoon, King's Bonus and Lottogift are others to bear in mind.

Calaba ran well enough in the Jubilee Stakes at Kempton in May, her only race this season, to fan the flames of hope that she could give Piggott a winning ride in the Bessborough Stakes. Last year Calaba won five races in a row and Piggott rode her on four of those occasions. They clearly get on well together.

STATE OF GOING (official): Ascot: good to firm. Hamilton Park (tomor- row): good to firm.

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RSEY STAKES (Group 3: 3-y-o: £3,770: 7f)

001 Fastacre (D) (V. Advani), A. Breasley, 8-10 .... F. Durr 7
102 Green Belt (D) (Sir P. Oppenheimer), H. Wragg, 8-10 .... L. Eldin 3
004 Hillandale (D) (Mrs L. d'Ambrumenil), D. Keith, 9-2 .... P. Waldron 10
1-40 Godzilla (D) (R. Sangster), B. Hills, 8-13 .... W. Carson 5
010 Blues Again (Exors of late G. van der Ploeg), W. Marshall, 8-10 12
210- Priestlaw (B. van Cutsem), Van Cutsem, 8-10 .... J. Roe 11
002 Rozel Bay (B. Robinson), S. Ingham, 8-10 .... G. Ramshaw 2
1-30 Setton Court (D) (Mrs J. Longbottom), J. Hindley, 8-10 .... A. Kimberley
104 Whirlitzer (Mrs R. Allen), A. Breasley, 8-10 .... A. Murray 14
1-33 Joking Apart (The Queen), I. Balding, 8-7 .... J. Mercer 4
4 Gay Fandango (A. Clore), M. V. O'Brien, 8-6 .... L. Piggott 6
1-20 Golden Aim (J. Fisher), P. Robinson, 8-6 .... G. Starkey 1
2-3 Grey Ghost (D) (Preon), J. Winter, 8-6 .... B. Taylor 8
0 Presently Do (H. Renshaw), J. Bethell, 8-5 .... P. Eddery 9
y Fandango, 4-1 Golden Aim, 6-1 Green Belt, 8-1 Fastacre, Setton Joking Apart, 10-1 Hillandale, 12-1 Godzilla, 20-1 others.

EEN MARY STAKES (Group 2: 2-y-o fillies: £6,087: 5f)

0 Betty Box (R. West), T. Molony, 8-8 .... G. Cadwaladr 16
43 Cereum (E. Benjamin), R. Armstrong, 8-8 .... W. Carson 2
1 Consistent (D) (Lord Rotherwick), W. Hern, 8-8 .... J. Mercer 4
231 Corriefeol (Sir R. Macdonald-Buchanan), H. Cecil, 8-8 .... G. Dettori 14
3 Daring Song (D. Blackburn), T. Corbett, 8-8 .... P. Eddery 18
21 Enchanted (D) (Mrs K. Korybut), Thomson Jones, 8-8 .... B. Taylor 1
31 Everything Nice (D) (P. Smodhinos), B. Hobbs, 8-8 .... G. Lewis 15
03 Friendly Sound (Mrs J. van Geest), G. P. Gordon, 8-8 .... D. Midland 8
Frivolity (P. Gallagher), W. Marshall, 8-8 .... F. Morby 5
2 Harrapan Seal (R. Tikkoo), D. K. Weld, 8-8 .... F. Durr 6
1 Hayloft (D) (J. Rowles), R. Houghton, 8-8 .... L. Piggott 10
11 Lace Curtain LII (D) (J. Pelmer, Jnr), A. Maxwell, 8-8 J. Roe 17
31 Lady Wren (Mrs M. O'Toole), M. O'Toole, 8-8 W. Swinburn 3
202 Missanda (B. Castle), J. Winter, 8-8 .... P. Madden 11
213 Positive Dream (D) (A. Katz), W. Marshall, 8-8 R. Marshall 9
214 Prima Magi (D) (F. Watson), J. Sutcliffe, Jun, 8-8 B. Rouse 13
213 Rory's Rocket (D) (Mrs W. Slaytor), P. Ashworth, 8-8 .... A. Murray 7
11 Western Jewel (D) (G. Insoll), G. Hunter, 8-8 T. McKeown 12
oft, 9-2 Lace Curtain LII, 6-1 Consistent, Corriefeol, 10-1 Everything Magi, Positive Dream, 12-1 Cereum, 14-1 Harrapan Seal, Western others.

AL HUNT CUP (Handicap: £7,424: 1m)

300 Long Row (D) (Mrs F. Allen), R. Jarvis, 5-9-3 M. Thomas 8
0-2 Galiano (C) (D) (J. Sillard), B. Hills, 6-9-5 .... L. Piggott 2
300 Gloss (D) (D. Blackburn), T. Corbett, 5-9-5 .... P. Eddery 9
300 Old Lucky (CD) (N. Rust), B. van Cutsem, 5-9-1 W. Carson 12
200 Kunoou (D) (J. Kashiyama), R. Houghton, 4-8-11 F. Morby 6
-10 Rhodomantade (C) (D) (J. Carrington), P. Makin, 4-8-8 .... G. Baxter 1
244 Summer Knave (D) (J. Pierce), Doug Smith, 6-8-6 .... T. McKeown 5
031 Ardoon (F. Feeney), G. P. Gordon, 5-8-3 .... D. Maitland 17
024 Gracious Melody (D) (Mrs J. Park), Denys Smith, 5-8-1 .... L. Charnock 7 16
1-04 Always Faithful (D) (C. Greaves), S. Ingham, 3-8-1 G. Lewis 18
004 Kings Bonus (C) (D) (J. Grady), R. Hollinshead, 4-8-1 .... K. Lewis 5 14
030 My Hero (D) (G. Greenwood), A. Stevens, 6-8-1 T. Johnson 5 7
10-2 Il Magnifico (D. Bryans), H. Westbrook, 3-8-0 R. Wernham 5 11
020 Black Rhino (R. Tikkoo), B. Hanbury, 3-7-13 .... F. Durr 13
1-30 Starlit Night (D) (A. Kalmanson), P. Makin, 4-7-12 J. Roe 19
030 Patocracy (D) (Dr J. Hobby), R. Houghton, 4-7-12 .... A. Bond 3 15
042 Lottogift (D) (A. Richards), D. Hanley, 4-7-10 .... C. Rodrigues 5 3
310 The Happy Hooker (D) (R. Deen), P. Cundell, 4-7-10 .... P. Cook 10
1-00 Czarist (Mrs R. Vereker), D. Smith, 4-7-11 .... R. Fox 5 4
liano, 10-1 Ardoon, Long Row, 12-1 Old Lucky, Kunoou, 14-1 16-1 Summer Knave, Always Faithful, 20-1 Black Rhino, Gracious ottogift, Rhodomantade, 33-1 others.

RONATION STAKES (Group 2: 3-y-o fillies: £9,923: 1m)

110- Asterina (M. Wickham-Boynton), N. Murless, 9-0 A. Murray 2
211 Dazzling Light (H. Joel), N. Murless, 9-0 .... G. Lewis 3
001 Donna Cressida (Mrs J. O'Brien), R. Annesley, 9-0 .... W. Swinburn 7
11-3 Firework Party (The Queen), W. Hern, 9-0 .... E. Eldin 8
0-3 Highest Trump (C) (J. Crook), D. K. Weld, 9-0 .... J. Roe 9
111 Miralla (D) (Lady Lister Kaye), Sir H. Nugent, 9-0 .... R. Parnell 4
1-02 Nagin (R. Tikkoo), B. Hanbury, 9-0 .... F. Durr 11
-00 Roussalka (C) (H. Phillips), H. Cecil, 9-0 .... L. Piggott 6
021 Sunny Nest (D) (Sir M. Sobell), W. Hern, 9-0 .... J. Mercer 10
1-23 Tender Camilla (Mrs Parker Poe), P. Prendergast, 9-0 .... C. Roche 1
22-0 Another Princess (Mrs M. Lemos), C. Brittain, 8-8 P. Eddery 5
alla, 7-2 Dazzling Light, 6-1 Sunny Nest, Highest Trump, 8-1 Tender 10-1 Roussalka, Firework Party, 12-1 Donna Cressida, 20-1 others.

EEN'S VASE (Group 3: £4,753: 2m)

1-42 *Cumbernauld (C) (R. Muddle), R. Hanbury, 8-10-0 7
1-00 Petty Officer (D) (Mrs J. Benskin), A. Budgett, 8-10-0 .... G. Lewis 21
0-00 Abide With Me (Y. Yamamoto), M. Stoute, 4-9-9 P. Eddery 8
022 Reformed Character (L. Holliday), Denys Smith, 5-9-9 .... A. Barclay 13
1- Blood Royal (Mrs G. Getty II), M. V. O'Brien, 4-9-4 .... L. Piggott 22
032 Double Default (D) (Col Sir D. Clague), C. Magnier, 5-9-4 .... J. Mercer 5
000 Rapid Pass (G. Blum), Blum, 4-8-8 .... G. Starkey 10
22-2 Town Tyrant (Sir C. Clore), J. Tree, 4-8-8 .... W. Carson 6
311 Athens Moss (Maj E. O'Kelly), W. Hern, 3-7-12 F. Durr 2
010 Busted Fiddle (H. Zeisel), H. Price, 3-7-12 .... A. Murray 20
131 Charles Stewart (Mrs P. McGrath), S. McGrath, 3-7-12 .... R. Fox 1
222 Coed Cochion (R. McAlpine), J. Hindley, 3-7-12 P. Cook 9
100 Dormilor (J. Mullion), I. Balding, 3-7-12 .... P. Waldron 8
041 Lytham (H. Denton), J. E. Sutcliffe, 3-7-12 R. Wernham 10
102 Montpellier (J. Hamer), M. Kauntze, 3-7-12 .... A. Bond 17
344 Moss Trooper (Mrs P. Burrell), H. V. Murless, 3-7-12 J. Roe 16
104 Sergeant Bibot (L. Freedman), P. Walwyn, 3-7-12 B. Rouse 4
103 Music Ville (Mrs Parker Poe), P. Prendergast, 3-7-9 .... D. Cullen 14
322 Grinling Gibbons (A. Bodie), G. Harwood, 3-7-8 D. McKay 19
020 Sir Something (J. Stafford), B. Hills, 3-7-8 .... E. Johnson 18
0-42 Trench (Capt R. Rogers), R. Annesley, 3-7-8 .... M. Thomas 11
000 Tromso (Mrs L. Bowry), M. Francis, 3-7-8 .... D. Maitland 12
ens Moss, 5-1 Blood Royal, 7-1 Charles Stewart, 8-1 Music Ville, 10-1 ion, Lytham, Reformed Character, 10-1 Double Default, Town Tyrant, y Officer, 16-1 Busted Fiddle, 20-1 others.

SSBOROUGH STAKES (Handicap: £3,454: 1½m)

411- Laurentian Hills (CD) (Mrs J. Bryce), R. Armstrong, 5-9-10 .... E. Eldin 8
10-3 Red Canute (D. Robinson), M. Jarvis, 4-9-9 .... B. Raymond 17
11-0 Calaba (D) (Lord Fairhaven), D. Morley, 5-9-7 .... L. Piggott 5
-400 Tachibana (J. Kashiyama), R. Houghton, 4-9-3 .... F. Morby 6
0-02 Punch Up (D) (Mrs L. Lazarus), D. Morley, 5-9-3 J. Mercer 19
0-04 Prominent (C) (D) (Col P. Wright), J. Bethell, 8-9-2 .... T. Johnson 5 11
04-1 Spring Stone (Mrs J. Sheffield), P. Walwyn, 6-9-0 P. Eddery 3
0034 King's Equity (D) (Mrs S. Eldin), G. P. Gordon, 5-8-10 .... B. Taylor 8
03-1 Celtic Sam (D) (Mrs M. Stoute), Stoute, 5-8-10 G. Starkey 14
010 Fool's Mate (Lord H. de Walden), H. Cecil, 4-8-8 F. Durr 2
211 Paper Chase (D) (T. Hammond), G. P. Hobbyn, 4-8-6 .... A. Murray 16
024 Park Lawn (H. Allen), D. Dartnall, 5-8-5 .... R. Marshall 18
4-44 Dubrovnik (D) (H. Oppenheimer), H. Candy, 4-8-5 .... P. Waldron 1
-010 Fanatico (D) (Y. Yamamoto), M. Stoute, 4-8-5 G. Lewis 12
0-22 Blaskette (Mrs R. Owen-George), N. Vigors, 4-8-3 P. Cook 15
-113 Tudor Crown (D) (Mrs C. McSweeney), J. Hindley, 4-8-0 .... A. Kimberley 17
3201 Pirate Bell (D) (F. Allison), G. Stephenson, 6-7-13 J. Reid 5 7
3100 Indian Mark (F. Rowe), W. Marshall, 4-7-11 G. Duffield 10
-013 Alaska Highway (E. Penser), R. Jarvis, 6-7-8 .... M. Thomas 1
laskelle, 7-1 Calaba, 8-1 Red Canute, Spring Stone, 10-1 Celtic Sam, ase, 12-1 Tudor Crown, Fanatico, Alaska Highway, 14-1 Punch Up, Hills, 16-1 Dubrovnik, King's Equity, 20-1 others.
* Doubtful runner.

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y Fandango. 3.5 HAYLOFT is specially recommended. 3.45 4.20 Miralla. 4.55 Athens Moss. 5.30 Calaba.

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estlaw. 3.5 Everything Nice. 3.45 Ardoon. 4.20 Dazzling Light. d Cochion. 5.30 Celtic Sam.

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Patrick Eddery keeps Record Run going to win the Prince of Wales Stakes from Swell Fellow (A. Kimberley).

How Bolkonski finally silenced detractors

By Michael Seely

I have seldom seen such an ex- hilarating and outstanding *per- formance of sheer class—by that* I mean an exhibition of complete and effortless superiority over his rivals—as that shown by Bolkonski when annihilating his opponents in the St James's Palace Stakes at Ascot yesterday afternoon. The bare result states that Bolkinski beat Royal Manacle by three lengths with Nurabad two lengths away, third.

Reality was somewhat different. The early running was made by Americo, who turned into the straight clear of Royal Manacle *and Berfeit with Bolkonski only* fourth. Not until below the dis- tance did Gianfranco Dettori ask the 4-5 favourite to lengthen his stride and, in less time than it takes to write this sentence, Bol- konski was clear with his race won. Grundy, beaten half a length by Bolkinski in the 2000 Guineas, has won the Derby in convincing fashion. Yesterday afternoon Bolkonski silenced utterly and finally any detractors there might be from the merit of this season's crop of three-year- olds.

A delighted Henry Cecil said afterwards: "He's had to answer stiffer questions at home these past three weeks than he's been asked here this afternoon." Cecil intends to keep yesterday's winner to distances of a mile for the time being. This means that his midsummer programme will in- clude such races as the Sussex Stakes and the Waterford Crystal Mile, both at Goodwood. Provided Bolkonski emerges triumphantly from these tests, a likely autumn objective could be the Champion Stakes, after consultation with his owner Mr Carlo d'Alessio.

Yesterday afternoon turned out to be very much a personal triumph for the Italian jockey. Riding for the first time at the Royal meeting, Dettori drove Imperial March past Deerslayer in the dying seconds of the Queen Anne Stakes to beat him by a short head. Lester Piggott had the mount on Deerslayer and ironic- ally enough it was Piggott him- self who had suggested to Vincent O'Brien the trainer of Imperial *March the name of Dettori as a* strong and capable lightweight.

Imperial March is a well-made American bred colt by Forli out of a Northern Dancer mare. His previous success at Phoenix Park in June was gained over a mile and a quarter. From his style of finishing yesterday the three-year- old may well stay further.

The name of O'Brien is no stranger to the annals of Royal Ascot, but Gavin Pritchard-Gordon saddled his first winner at the Royal meeting when Record Run proved far too game and genuine for his opponent in the Prince of Wales Stakes. Two furlongs from home Giacometti swept into the lead, but was soon tackled and passed by Record Rum, who then resolutely fought off the challenge of Swell Fellow. Pritchard-Gordon trains the winner for Sidney Grey, who has been a staunch patron of this stable, formerly run by Harvey Leader, for many years. Record Run was a chance mount for Patrick Eddery, as Brian Taylor, with the option of riding Swell Fellow or the winner, had chosen the last named.

Giacometti and Imperial Prince, *second and third in last year's* Derby, were firmly put in their place. Giacometti finishe dthird and Imperial Prince, who was beaten soon after turning into the straight, was three lengths farther away in fourth place. Record Run has enjoyed a fan- tastic record these past two seasons, having now won 10 races, his latest success, in the Zetland Gold Cup at Redcar, being gained under the welter burden of 9st 8lb.

Lester Piggott, second on Deer- slayer, and runner-up on Cumber- nauld to Crash Course in the Ascot Stakes, rode his first winner of the afternoon on Galway Bay, who won the Coventry Stakes going away by two lengths. This success gave Ian Balding his fourth *victory in this race in the past* 11 years. What an exciting pros- pect Galway Bay is for his owner, Jim Mullion. My Sassafras, conqueror of Nijinsky in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe of 1970, Galway Bay is out of the Hard Tack mare, Windjammer. The Prix Morny at Deauville is a pos- sible target for Galway Bay, followed by the Royal Lodge Stakes at Ascot in September.

Lester Piggott, who rides the probable favourite, Galiano, in to- day's big gambling race, the Royal Hunt Cup, has the best record of jockeys riding in the event. The former champion was successful on Spaniard's Close (1963), Casa- bianca (1965) and Kamundu (1969).

Jockey Club elections

The election of four new members of the Jockey Club was announced yesterday. They are:

Timothy David Holland-Martin, 38, owner, breeder and amateur jockey, of Overbury stud, near Tewkesbury; Alexander James Macdonald-Buchanan, 44, owner, of Wellingborough; Robert James McAlpine, 43, owner and breeder, of Malpas, Cheshire; Louis Freedman, 58, owner, breeder and former president of the Racehorse Owners' Association, of Taplow, Berkshire.

French stable lads ready to reopen negotiations

Paris, June 17.—French stable lads, whose demonstration at Chantilly on Sunday has stopped most racing in the Paris area indefinitely, have declared them- selves ready to reopen negotia- tions, which were broken off last Friday.

The unrest among the 650 lads was over a delay in signing a col- lective agreement. The lads claimed that France's Minister of Agriculture, Christian Bonnet, promised to have the agreement signed by last Sunday. But the *trainers held out on two clauses* in the agreement: the first on guaranteed employment and the end of the probationary period after five years, and the second on the one man, three horses rule. The lads said one man should not look after more than three horses. The trainers said that should this rule be applied their profession would be threatened.

The lads said yesterday that they would meet their employers in the presence of Ministry of Agriculture officials and race- course leaders to conclude the agreement.

Meanwhile, the official French bookmaking organization, Pari *Mutuel Urbain, is working to re-* fund more than 93 million francs in cancelled bets to punters whose racing was disrupted on Sunday. A PMU spokesman said all ticket

Ascot results

2.30 (2.33) QUEEN ANNE STAKES (£4,177: 1m)
Imperial March, ch c, by Forli—Victorian Dancer (W. Mullady), 3-7-10 .... G. Dettori (2-1 fav) 1
Deerslayer, b c, by Tom Rolfe—Mohmond (Mrs J. Hanes), 4-9-2 .... L. Piggott (15-2) 2
Boldboy, b g, by Bold Lad (Ire)—Solar Echo (Lady Beaverbrook), 5-9-5 .... J. Mercer (7-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 11-2 Jumpabout, 8-1 General Vole, 11-1 Taros (4th), 16-1 Ballicas, 20-1 Festival Night, 25-1 Blimswan, 33-1 Welsh Harmony, Indian Guard. 11 ran.
TOTE: Win, 30p; places, 15p, 24p, 19p. M. V. O'Brien, in Ireland. Sh hd, 1½l. 1min 43.21sec.

3.5 (3.7) PRINCE OF WALES STAKES (£9,213: 1¼m)
Record Run, b c, by Track Spare—Bench Game (S. Grey), 4-9-2 .... P. Eddery (12-1) 1
Swell Fellow, b c, by Giolla Mear—Nonnie (Ld J. Crichton Stuart), 4-9-2 .... A. Kimberley (6-1) 2
Giacometti, ch c, by Faberge II—Naujwan (C. St George), 4-9-8 .... L. Piggott (6-5 fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-2 Imperial Prince, 11-2 Rymer (4th), 12-1 Bold Pirate, 6 ran.
TOTE: Win, 96p; places, 39p, 71p; dual forecast, £2.46. G. Pritchard Gordon, at Newmarket. 1l, 1l. 2min 06.52sec. Hail the Pirates did not run.

3.45 (3.47) ASCOT STAKES HANDI- CAP (£3,281: 2½m)
Crash Course, b c, by Busted—Lucky Stream (Mrs J. Hindley), 4-9-4 .... A. Kimberley (15-2) 1
Cumbernauld, br g, by Ribot—Gazpacho (R. Muddle), 8-8-12 .... L. Piggott (10-1) 2
Tim Ding, b h, by Celtic Ash—Marmoo (Mrs G. Lugg), 6-7-7 .... J. Reid (33-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Neutron Star, 17-2 Raise Beau, 9-1 Cadogen Lane, Hells Gate, 11-1 Tartar Ash, 20-1 Romelko (4th), China Rank, Realist, Woodland Reward, 33-1 Heir Presump- tive, 50-1 Sweet Boronia, Paymaster, The Admiral (p), 16 ran.
TOTE: Win, 84p; places, 27p, 30p, 71p, 58p. J. Hindley, at Newmarket. 1l, 3l. 4min 26.89sec.

4.20 (4.22) COVENTRY STAKES (2-y-o: £6,576: 6f)
Galway Bay, b c, by Sassafras—Windjammer (J. Mullion), 8-11 .... L. Piggott (2-1 fav) 1
Super Cavalier, ch c, by Tower Walk—Ennel (J. Maxwell), 8-11 .... P. Cook (16-1) 2
Tampa, b c, by Amber Rama—Caliante (B. McCormack), 8-11 .... R. Edmondson (9-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-1 Rehearsal (4th), 7-1 Chum-Chum, 9-1 Garda's Revenge, 10-1 Divine Night, 25-1 Cry No More, 33-1 Coin of Gold, Black Jim. 10 ran.
TOTE: Win, 27p; places, 16p, 45p, 34p; dual forecast, £6.24. I. Balding, at Kingsclere. 2l, hd. 1min 17.16sec.

4.55 (4.56) RIBBLESDALE STAKES (3-y-o fillies: £10,017: 1½m)
Gallina, ch f, by Raise A Native—Gallatis (S. Fraser), 8-10 .... L. Piggott (7-1) 2
Light Duty, b f, by Queen's Hussar—Highlight (The Queen), 8-10 .... J. Mercer (7-2) 2
Failed Again, b f, by Bold Lad (Ire)—Time to Leave (D. Davidson), 8-10 .... P. Eddery (9-4) 3
ALSO RAN: 6-4 fav Moonlight Night (4th), 33-1 Howells, 66-1 Mary Kanga. 6 ran.
TOTE: win, 63p; places, 32p, 24p; forecast, £2.65. M. V. O'Brien, in Ireland. 4l, 2l. 2min 37.76sec.

5.30 (5.32) ST JAMES PALACE STAKES (3-y-o: £9,615: 1m)
Bolkonski, ch c, by Balidar—Perennial (C. d'Alessio), 9-0 .... G. Dettori (4-5 fav) 1
Royal Manacle, b c, by Manacle—Royal Reproach (J. Ketteley), 9-0 .... W. Carson (11-2) 2
Nurabad, gr c, by Zeddaan—Nursery Song (D. Wildenstein), 9-0 .... Y Saint Martin (10-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 11-2 Mark Anthony, 16-1 All Friends (4th), 25-1 Americo, Windy Glen, 100-1 Berfeit. 8 ran.
TOTE: Win, 20p; places, 12p, 16p, 19p; dual forecast, 41p. H. Cecil, at Newmarket. 3l, 2l. 1min 40.50sec.
TOTE DOUBLE: Crash Course, Gallina, £34.10. TREBLE: Record Run, Galway Bay, Bolkonski, £16.25. Jack- pot: £7,653.25.

Show jumping

Double clear round for Chain Bridge

By Pamela Macgregor-Morris

Captain Mark Phillips, who leaves for the United States next week to compete in the Ledyard Farm three-day event, won the Alastair W. Payton Memorial Trophy in the open jumping com- petition at the Royal Highland Show at Edinburgh yesterday. He was riding the grey horse, Chain Bridge, for Trevor Banks, and among those to finish behind him down the course was Harvey Smith, riding another grey horse, Santos, which he owns in partnership with Banks. Sixteen horses jumped off and Chain Bridge won with a double clear round.

Cheryl Walker, a young rider *from Lancashire, won the Everest* Double Glazing qualifying round on Wishbone III, defeating Scot- land's John Brown on Paddy Connelly, the combination which won the young riders' champion- ship of Great Britain at Hickstead last September.

The centre stage in the main arena was given over to the hunters, both led and ridden, throughout the day and the show jumpers are confined to a second- ary ring until today.

Peter Brookshaw came from Shropshire to judge the breeding classes, which improve each year, and awarded the championship to the winner of both the Queen's Cup and the Lloyds Bank qualifier at the Royal Cornwall Show two weeks ago, Mrs Alan Ferguson's bay three-year-old, Clipston. By Fury Royal, he is out of Khiva by Vulgan, a mare who won on the flat, over hurdles and over fences and was also hunted with the Pytchley hounds.

Clipston was bred in North- amptonshire by Mr S. K. Spokes and was as wild as a buck this time last year, when he was taken in hand by Mr and Mrs Bill Warner. His first success in the show ring came at the City of Leicester Show, when Mr Frank Furness judged him and put him above the Lloyds Bank champion, Sammy Dasher. He won again at the *Buckinghamshire* County Show, and at Christmas was sold for £6,000 to his present owner, who intends to put him in training in due course.

Clipston's chief opponent for the overall championship, which he lost, was Mr Furness's home- bred heavyweight, the brown six- year-old, Seta Pike, by the premium stallion Kadir Cup out of Legendbelle, by Carino, winner of the *Horse & Hound* Cup at the National Hunter Show of the Hunters' Improvement Society. *Mrs George Gibson* awarded Seta Pike the ridden championship and finally joined forces with Mr Brookshaw to select him as supreme overall champion at the expense of the three-year-old. Reserve for the ridden title was the Witney horse blanket com- pany's Portman Lad, runner-up for the title at the last Horse of the Year Show.

Seta Pike's grand-dam was bought at the Dublin Horse Show in foal to Archive, and she duly bred Arch Guard, who won the Edward *Prince of Wales Cup* at the National Hunter Show, and Legendbelle, whose four-year-old son was shown with his brother here yesterday.

EVEREST DOUBLE GLAZING QUALI- FIER: 1, Miss C. Walker's Wishbone III; 2, J. Brown's Paddy Connelly; 3, D. Barker's Granada.
ALASTAIR W. PAYTON TROPHY: 1, Capt M. A. Phillips's Chain Bridge; 2, Mrs P. Mansfield's Tejeda; 3, N. Skelton's Everest Okay.
CHAMPION OVERALL HUNTER: F. N. Furness's Seta Pike; reserve overall, Mrs A. Ferguson's Clipston.

Athletics

Americans want to compete at Crystal Palace

By Neil Allen
Athletics Correspondent

The athletics match between the United States and the Soviet Union, which was to have been held in Kiev on July 4 and 5, has been cancelled because of a dispute over the television con- tract between the Amateur Ath- letic Union of America and the Columbia Broadcasting System.

I understand that the American Broadcasting Corporation, though *knowing that the AAU had* an exclusive contract with CBS for important fixtures, made a direct approach to the Russians for agreement that they should tele- vise the latest in a series of matches which I first stimulated through a proposal to the late Senator Estes Kefauver when I met him in Poland in 1955. The AAU now feel they are legally bound by their contract with CBS and must withdraw from this year's fixture with their great athletics rivals.

The cancellation could be of considerable benefit to the British athletics public. Mr Ollan Cassell of the AAU has been in touch from the United States, asking if members of his European touring party of top class American athletes may compete in the *Philips International meeting* at Crystal Palace on July 4 (Inde- pendence Day of course), where Brendan Foster, Britain's world record holder for two miles and 3,000 metres, is to race Ian Stew- art, the international cross-country champion and European indoor 3,000 metres winner, over 2,000 metres.

There was good news yesterday for the athletes of Oxford, both town and gown. The Rhodes Trustees have decided to make a gift to Oxford University of a new *synthetic all-weather track* at Iffley Road. It will replace the cinders surface laid in 1950 on which, four years later, Roger Bannister became the first to run the mile in under four minutes. The ground is the headquarters both of Oxford University and Oxford City Athletic Club.

MAINZ, West Germany: Women's 60 metres: A. Annum (Ghana), 6.5sec (indoor world best performance).

Cycling

SILVAPLANA: Tour of Switzerland: stage 6, 95 miles from Lugano: 1, G. Bellini (Italy), 2, R. de Vlaeminck (Belgium), both 3hr 53min 36sec; 3, E. Merckx (Belgium), 4:54:04; 4, S. Pozo (Spain), 5, L. Pfenninger; 6, W. Riccomi (Italy), all 4:54:09. Overall: 1, de Vlaeminck (Belgium), 32:15:43; 2, Merckx, 32:16:33; 3, Pfenninger, 32:16:50; 4, Riccomi, 32:16:45; 5, B. Pronk (Netherlands), 32:17:43; 6, A. Dierickx (Belgium), 32:18:48.

Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Baltimore Orioles 8, Cleveland Indians 3; Boston Red Sox 6, Detroit Tigers 2; Minnesota Twins 7, Oakland Athletics 6; New York Yankees 10, Milwaukee Brewers 7.
NATIONAL LEAGUE: Chicago Cubs 9, Philadelphia Phillies 7; San Diego Padres 7, San Francisco Giants 1; Pittsburgh Pirates 10, St Louis Cardi- nals 4; Cincinnati Reds 0, Atlanta Braves 2; Los Angeles Dodgers 4, Houston Astros 2.

Golf

Why Player has special incentive for winning US Open this time

By Peter Ryde
Golf Correspondent

Among the 150 who have found *their way to Medinah for the* United States Open golf champion- ship, which begins tomorrow, either by exemption or through the narrow mesh of two qualify- ing rounds, Jack Nicklaus inevit- ably starts favourite, as he always does now on the big occasion.

But, there is one who has a special incentive to win there—Gary Player. He needs this victory to complete a second grand slam. His victory in the US Masters last year meant that he had won each of the big four championships at least a second time, with the exception of this one. He also needs this title to prevent the gap between him and Nicklaus becom- ing too wide. Nicklaus in this respect is a lap ahead, needing victory in the British Open next month to complete his third grand slam. It is Player's record rather than Miller's or Weiskopf's brilli- ance that is keeping him up to the mark. He wants to build up an unsurpassable list of champion- ship victories, and Player is the man most likely to threaten that supremacy.

The course on which such matters will be decided this week is certainly in the top 10 in the United States, although Chicagoans would probably put the list as much smaller. But this estimate has nothing to do with the splen- dour of the clubhouse, built in the style of a vast mosque by a Masonic order, the Shriners, of whom I know no more than that at their annual convention each member wears a fez. The building itself cost half a million dollars back in the twenties, and it would need many millions today to repeat it.

The reputation of No 3 course, as the championship one is known, is based on the narrowness of its tree-lined dog-legs (nine in num- ber) and on the water hazards, three of which have to be crossed and two avoided. One of these hazards is provided by Lake Kadijah an artificial stretch of water across the corner of which the 17th is played. At such holes as the 12th and 13th the green is small and tucked away among trees. It is on the inward half, in particular, that patience and a cool head are said to be most needed.

It was at the 17th in 1949 that Sam Snead took three from the edge in his final round and spoilt his chances of winning his first Open. That title was won by Cary Middlecoff with 286, and this was the only occasion the Open has visited a course outside Chicago. As though to make good neglect of this area the Open has been taken back in the year of its diamond jubilee. Although the first Open was played in 1895 as an appendage to the United States Amateur (an echo of what had happened in Britain) this is the 75th championship to be played. It is several years since two Britons appeared in the field to- gether. Jacklin is having to prove himself all over again, but Oosterhuis comes to the cham- pionship in a promising frame of mind, having two weeks before made his best showing this year.

Three putts costly to Mrs Anderson

Three putts on the 17th green cost Jean Anderson (Gullane) the chance of making the most of a remarkable return to big golf in the Newmark international tourna- ment at Hoylake yesterday.

But for these putting lapses, the 54-year-old professional player would have shared the lead at the end of the first round with the American, Carole Semple, who scored a record *71. Instead,* she shares second place, one stroke behind Miss Semple, with Jenny Bruce, of South Africa, and Wendy Pithers, of England.

Mrs Anderson, for many years a leading Scottish amateur, be- came one of Britain's few profes- sional women players in 1953. She joined a golf equipment firm and rarely plays tournament golf now. She was invited to take part by the sponsors, as she is not a mem- ber of the Professional Golfers' Association.

"*I have come out of mothballs* to play", she said. "I only take part in chatty women's foursomes. My one fear when I went out was I might let down my playing partner."

Mrs Anderson, a former Curtis *Cup international, still receives* royalties from her signed clubs and therefore is not permitted to play in amateur golf.

Helped by four successive birdies from the fifth, she had the best outward score of the day —33, four under par—but in a ris- ing wind she *let things slip a little* on the way home.

Miss Semple, the 26-year-old former United States and British champion, established a record for the course. After covering the first nine holes in 35, she had birdies at the 10th and short 11th. Then her game became a little ragged and, after holing a 10ft putt for a birdie four at the 16th, she took three putts on the home green.

Miss Pithers, the 20-year-old south-eastern counties champion, who was *suffering from a blistered* heel, scored four birdies in seven holes from the 10th, coming home in 34. Miss Bruce, the South Afri- can matchplay champion, missed her opportunity of finishing in front by taking six at the long 14th, where she drove into a bunker.

Leading first round scores:
71: Miss C. Semple (US).
72: Miss W. Pithers (Royal Mid-Surrey), Mrs J. Anderson (Gullane), Miss J. Bruce (S Africa).
73: Mrs D. Henson (West Byfleet), Miss S. Needham (Lawder), Miss D. Savoy (Canada), Mrs M. Parsons (Australia), Miss A. Sheard (S Africa).
75: Mrs S. Bishop (NZ), Miss C. Mackintosh (Royal Winchester).
76: Miss V. Jellis (Australia), Mrs H. Kaye (Ilkley), Miss P. Conley (US).

CREWS HILL: Southern professional championship: First round leaders: 67, J. Garner; 68, D. J. Rees; 69, N. Job; 71, Le Brocq; 70, G. Smith, B. Gallacher, J. Fowler, W. Humphreys; 71, P. Milton, R. Proundfool, B. Ellis, J. L. Hammond; 72, P. Huggett, A. P. Barr, K. G. Brown, 73, G. Howard, D. Regan, H. Arnott, P. Dawson, C. A. Price, J. Hamilton.
LAFAYETTE HILLS (Pennsylvania): 275: T. Jenkins, 69, 65, 69, 72; 276: J. Miller, 71, 69, 68, 68; 277: R. Wynn, 73, 70, 65, 69; 279: I. Simons, 69, 71, 68, 71; 280: R. Allin, 71, 70, 69, 70; 281: G. Grah, 73, 71, 71, 66, J. McGee, 69, 72, 68, 72; D. Bies, 71, 71, 71, 68, T. Shaw, 70, 71, 70, 70, J. C. Snead, 69, 72, 69, 71. British score: 290, A. Jacklin, 70, 75, 73, 72.

Rowing

Why it is difficult to stay at the top in East Germany

By Jim Railton

The East Germans, who domin- ated the 1974 men's world cham- pionships with a haul of six gold medals and one silver medal, have entered an exceptionally strong team for the *Nottinghamshire In-* ternational (June 28-29), spon- sored by Guinness and associate sponsors Selincourt. The East German contingent, who will not stay on for Henley Royal Regatta the following week, have entered *seven of the eight elite events* and include three of their world championship crews and three in- teresting new combinations in other events.

Their world championship crews for the Guinness Trophy—an inter-nation competition—on the first day of the regatta, include their coxless four containing the 1972 Olympic champions in cox- less pairs—Brietzke and Mager—together with Semmler and Decker, the European champions in eights. The other world cham- *pionship crews include their ex-* ceptional coxed four and the twin brothers, Jörg and Bernd Land- voigt, from Potsdam in the cox- less pairs.

With such a wealth of talent available, it is obviously a diffi- cult task to stay at the top in East Germany. The world champion single sculler, Wolfgang Hönig is, for example, relegated to the quadruple sculls with newcomer Martin Winter, the winner at the East German Grunau regatta last Saturday, taking the single herth. *Hönig, however, will find* adequate compensation in his new crew- mates with the world champion, Draeger, remaining on board from the world championship quadruple sculls and the presence of Kreu- ziger, the world and European champion in double sculls, in the crew.

The new East German double sculls—Dreifke and Bertow—were also part of the 1974 world cham- pionship quadruple sculls crew, indicating the versatility of the East German coaches in breaking up a world championship crew, albeit maybe an experimental exer- cise. To complete the strongest team to visit this country on what is undoubtedly a reconnaissance trip for the world championships in Nottingham next August, four of the East German eight who finished in fourth place in the 1974 world championships just over half a length behind Britain's silver medal winning eight remain *in the new line-up.*

In what is sadly the last year of the Guinness sponsorship for the Nottinghamshire International there is a record entry of 401 crews and scullers, a total of 1,580 competitors, to contest the 66 events of the two-day pro- gramme. Overseas entries have also been made by the United States, Canada, Romania, West Germany, Norway, Egypt, Den- mark, Bulgaria and the Republic of Ireland.

There is a particularly strong *entry from the United States in-* cluding Jim Dietz, the 1967 world junior champion and the 1974 world silver medal winner in single sculls. The United States touring eight—Union Boat Club—with four of their 1974 world champions on board, will provide the British eight with some measure of their progress or otherwise in Nottingham.

In Ratzeburg last weekend, the United States eight beat the British eight by one place on each of the two days of the regatta. Last Saturday the Americans headed Britain by three lengths, but there was only half a length between the crews on Sunday as the Leander-London University-Thames Tradesmen's eight strug- gled home in last place. The British national coach, Janousek, *has the task of picking up the* pieces and his eight is scheduled to meet Union BC not only in Nottingham but also at Henley, which will no doubt be confirmed when Henley release their entries on Thursday evening.

The Nottinghamshire organizing commitee must be delighted with their entry this year. Guinness indicated at the outset that their sponsorship would only be for a period of three years, but the com- pany will still maintain links with the regatta by perpetuating a trophy. The Nottinghamshire Inter- national may face a difficult future, but this year an excep- tional weekend of world class row- ing is assured on the last weekend of the month.

Boxing

China put out the red carpet for Ali

Kuala Lumpur, June 17.—Muhammad Ali said here today that he had developed a new style to add to his "Russian tank" and "rope-a-dope" manoeuvres for his world title defence against Joe Bugner, of Britain, on July 1. "*It is defensive and I'll tell you* the name tomorrow", he said after sparring six rounds in front of around 6,000 supporters.

Ali used his rope-a-dope tech- nique to tire Levi Forte and Jimmy Ellis, his sparring partners, and said he would use it to wear down Bugner, the European cham- pion. "I'll just walk right in with the rope-a-dope and Bugner has to throw punches until he punches himself out", he said.

Earlier Ali talked of his plans after tackling Bugner, including a *third encounter with the former* world champion, Joe Frazier, and a trip to China. After his morning run he said he had been invited to China by Chairman Mao. He had been invited to Peking before leaving for Kuala Lumpur, he said. Asked how long he might stay in China, he said: "I don't think it will be more than 10 days."

On his proposed rematch with Frazier in Manila, he said: Filipino promoter Lope Sarreal has promised me $6m while Frazier will get $3m." After sparring he *said he had created a new style* of boxing by not avoiding or dodg- ing punches but just blocking them.

"If the worst comes to the worst I am prepared to give him five rounds and then Bugner will tire himself and get discouraged", Ali said. "The whole point is to manoeuvre your opponent into vul- nerable positions, hit him quick and get out, and at the same time stay out of hitting range."

Government employees in the Kuala Lumpur area will be per- mitted to take time off to see the contest; but they must return to work immediately after the con- test, which is due to start at 9.45 am local time (3.15 am in Britain). The Government have declared July 1 a holiday for schools in the area.—Reuter.

Football

Giles to become Albion's player-manager

John Giles will become player- manager of West Bromwich Albion before the end of the week. The Leeds United midfield man said yesterday: "I have one or two things to sort out, including the contract, but I do not expect any late snags. I will sign in another couple of days." He will cost Albion about £45,000.

James Armfield, manager of Leeds, said that he had had a telephone call from Brian Clough, the Nottingham Forest manager, inquiring about three or four Leeds players. He was told that "none was for sale and that was the end of the matter". It is understood that one of the players was Duncan McKenzie, signed by Mr Clough from Forest for £250,000 during his short reign as Leeds manager at the beginning of last season.

William Wilson, MP for Coventry, a fierce critic of spectator violence, is calling for figures on the cost of policing matches in the west Midlands. Mr Wilson, who is also a season ticket holder at Coventry City, has written to Sir Derek Capper, Chief Constable of West Midlands Police, asking whether there is any limit on the cost of providing police outside football grounds. He says the ratepayers ought to be told and, if the cost is too high, the question arises whether *the matches ought* to be played.

James Ryan, Luton Town's mid- field player, was yesterday sus- pended for the first three league matches of next season by a Foot- ball Association disciplinary com- mission in Birmingham. The three-

Hockey

British Olympic party is reduced to 16

By Sydney Friskin

Great Britain's hockey party of 24 has been whittled down to 16 for the eight nations tournament *in Montreal from July 19 to 27.* The defence is somewhat weakened by the absence of Svehlik and Mills, who are not available, out the team, to be led by Cotton, seems a strong, if not a great, one.

Apart from assessing relative *strengths, the purpose of this tour-* nament is to test the suitability or otherwise of AstroTurf, the sur- face on which the Olympic tourna- ment is to be played in Montreal next year.

For the eight nations tourna- ment the teams have been split into two groups as follows: A, Argentina, Great Britain, Nether- lands, India; B, Pakistan, West Germany, Canada, Kenya. Great Britain meet Argentina in their first group match on July 19 and the Netherlands the following day. The fixtures are:

July 19: v Argentina (4.0). July 20: v Netherlands (6.0). July 21: Rest day. July 22: v India (12.0). July 23: Free day. July 24 and 25: Classification matches. July 26: Semi-final round. July 27: Final.

After the Montreal event Great *Britain will probably take part in* a smaller tournament in Toronto, where Pakistan, India, Kenya, Canada and possibly the United States are also likely to play.

GREAT BRITAIN PARTY: Goal- keepers: R. L. Barker (England), A. G. Carson (Ireland). Sweeper: P. C. Freitag (England). Defenders: D. G. Blackmore (England), B. J. Cotton (England, captain), D. B. Whitaker (England). Midfield: D. C. Aldridge (England), I. S. McGinn (England), C. Sutherland (Scotland), I. A. Thom- son (England), P. J. Wilson (Wales). Forwards: B. R. Disbury (England), J. C. French (England), [illegible] (Ireland), S. R. L. [illegible], P. R. J. Marsh (Wales).

Wood's manager rejects Wales as suitable venue

Johnny Griffin, the manager of Leicester's Tim Wood, has rejec- ted Caerphilly as a venue for his boxer's British light-heavyweight championship final eliminator against Roy John.

Bev Walker, John's manager, wanted to stage the contest in Wales on September 24, but Mr Griffin said: "I am not inter- ested in going there. Tim has a lot of followers and I want the fight in a more central position, *probably London.*"

The winner will meet either Johnny Frankham or Chris Finne- gan, who met recently for the vacant title. That contest ended with Frankham gaining a contro- versial decision and a re-match has been arranged for October.

Corrections

Asif Iqbal, the Pakistan cricket captain, asks us to state that there *is no substance in the suggestion* made in *The Times* yesterday that he had had words with the presi- dent of the Board of Control for Cricket in Pakistan and, as a result, had withdrawn unneces- sarily from the World Cup series. *Mr Iqbal states that he suffered* acute pains in the Pakistani dress- ing room during the match against Australia and an operation was recommended.

John Burgess, the England rugby coach, was misquoted in yesterday's issue. The passage from his letter in question should have read: "I believe my decision, which is made without rancour, is a [illegible] and not "with [illegible]

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End of Simonstown agreement will not inhibit Navy operations

House of Commons

MR MAUDLING (Barnet, Chipping Barnet, C) asked what steps were being taken to replace the facilities available under the Simonstown agreement which had been terminated.

MR WILLIAM RODGERS, Minister of State for Defence (Teesside, Stockton, Lab)—As we have previously made clear, the Royal Navy will be able to continue to operate in the Indian Ocean using the normal facilities available to commercial shipping, although we expect it to do so less frequently than hitherto.

MR MAUDLING—The Foreign Secretary told the House that the Government were continuing a review of the naval arrangements arising from the Simonstown agreement and that when this review was complete the House would be informed. We do not regard a written answer to a question yesterday as carrying out that undertaking. (Conservative cheers.)

The Secretary of State for Defence as recently as January said that the Simonstown agreement served a useful purpose in protecting trade routes around the Cape. Is this no longer the case today?

What do the Government estimate the effects will be on defence expenditure and on British exports, and what has happened to the Nato review of the Soviet naval build-up in the Indian Ocean?

MR RODGERS—I understand it has served a useful purpose, but we have to look at the balance of advantage. The Government have decided after careful consideration that the balance lies with terminating the agreement and that it will not inhibit us operating in the Indian Ocean in the way we chose to do.

It will have no effect on defence expenditure. We have no reason to believe that it will affect those exports for which we will continue to look for markets.

Nato does not have any responsibility in that part of the world. It would be improper for it to do so because the southern boundary of Nato is the Tropic of Cancer.

MR MAUDLING—On January 14 the Secretary of State told the House that Nato was continuing this study. What has happened to it

MR RODGERS—We have had no report of the outcome of the study, but it is important to emphasize that Nato has no status south of the tropic.

MR KINNOCK (Bedwellty, Lab)—Would Mr Rodgers go farther into the question of the Nato relationship with South Africa, especially in view of the revelations in the press last week about the relationship in terms of supplies and communications procedures between the Republic of South Africa forces and Nato?

MR RODGERS—Nato has no status in South Africa. The press reports were misleading where they were not positively inaccurate.

MR ALLAUN (Salford, East, Lab)—Will he give an undertaking that all military collaboration with South Africa, not just as Simonstown, will now cease as promised?

MR RODGERS—The decision to terminate this agreement, which has been done with no difficulties with the South African Government does mean an end to military collaboration with South Africa in the way he has in mind.

MR THORPE (North Devon, L)—It is difficult to see how the defence of the free world can be convincingly discharged by having a permanent base with a country whose regime, repressive in nature, has been condemned by the overwhelming majority of MPs of all parties, and which is long overdue.

MR RODGERS—He put it extremely well.

MR AMERY (Brighton, Pavilion, C)—At a time when the Soviets are deploying air and sea facilities in the whole of Africa, to withdraw and abandon the only facilities that remain to us in the African continent can only bring some comfort and warmth to Moscow. (Conservative cheers.)

MR RODGERS—It is simply not the case that in so far as the Soviet fleet is a threat to world peace we are going to mitigate that threat in any possible way by maintaining the Simonstown base.

MR IAN LLOYD (Havant and Waterloo, C)—Have the Government come to the decision that there is a total change in the West's dependence on South Africa for its strategic raw materials because the Government must have reached that decision in order to justify the decision over Simonstown?

MR RODGERS—We looked at this extremely soberly and came to the conclusion that in 1975 Simonstown did not provide the sort of need we required given the operations we had in mind for our own fleet. The decision was made in a hard-headed way.

MR BELL (Beaconsfield, C)—There are no military advantages in abandoning the use of this base. This is just one more surrender of national defence interests to the rabid, dogmatic and high selective disagreement of certain elements in the Labour Party with the internal policies of other countries.

MR RODGERS—That is nonsense. I did not say there was a military advantage in surrender. I said there were political advantages in terminating the agreement.

MR BLAKER (Blackpool, South, C)—What are these advantages?

MR RODGERS—The maintenance of this kind of agreement with a country whose regime is considered abhorrent to many people in this country and elsewhere in the world has been regarded as signs of a sort of support which does not help us.

MR BIGGS-DAVISON (Epping Forest, C)—What are these other facilities in the Indian Ocean area which would be available to the Government and their allies in all circumstances and in all emergencies?

MR RODGERS—It is not possible to anticipate what might or might not be available in circumstances of war, should they occur. We have made it plain that in the interim, in spite of the termination of this agreement, we shall be able to use the facilities at Simonstown, if we need to do so, on a commercial basis.

Elsewhere in the Indian Ocean, there is Karachi, Colombo and Singapore. There are major docking facilities which can be used by the fleet and there are other facilities at Mauritius, Mombasa and the Seychelles.

In circumstances of war we would not find the sort of difficulties he has in mind.

Reference to measure on independent schools

MISS JANET FOOKES (Plymouth, Drake, C) in a question about the cost to the education service of discontinuing the direct grant system, said—Is it not wholly unsatisfactory that at a time of great economic stringency the department should be unable to give any indication of the cost and at the same time should give the boot to a number of good schools?

MISS LESTOR, Under Secretary for Education and Science (Eton and Slough Lab)—She must try to understand that the financial implications of the abolition of the direct grant system, which I totally support, are difficult to estimate. There could be anything between a saving of £30m and an addition of £12m.

Much of this depends on which of the schools elect to go into the maintained sector and which elect to become independent. By doing that they will subject themselves to any legislation that may be discussed or considered in respect of independent education.

Primary school variations are defended

MR RHODES BOYSON (Brent, North, C) asked what advice the Secretary of State for Education and Science would issue to local education authorities on the need to ensure that pupils attending differing primary schools all had an equal chance of basic educational advance.

MISS JOAN LESTOR, Under Secretary — Maintained primary schools are non-selective and to that extent already offer equal opportunities for education. What they teach and how they teach it are matters to be decided locally.

MR BOYSON—To say they are equal but can be taught differently could be misunderstood by parents. If you have this divisiveness according to which school a child is directed to in the bureaucratic bingo of the state educational system—(Labour interruptions)—and if we want equality HM School Inspectors will have to maintain minimum basic curriculum and minimum basic standards in all primary schools.

MISS LESTOR—I did not say equality; I said equal opportunity. It is not the same thing. What is important in primary schools is bearing in mind the differences of development, aptitude and emotional skills of the child and having the curriculum as varied as possible to cater for these.

The minister has no legal power to determine the curriculum or teaching methods in schools. I defend the principle of variation in primary schools.

SIR JOHN HALL (Wycombe, C)—Many secondary school heads are becoming perturbed because so many children coming from primary schools, while they show a good knowledge of such things as music, movements and murals have only a nodding acquaintance with the three Rs.

MISS LESTOR—I hope in the next few weeks to have the chance to meet many school heads and I can discuss what he says.

Accepting pay claim more damaging than a rail strike

MR HURD (Mid-Oxon, C) asked the Prime Minister what changes in general Government policy he proposed to introduce following the outcome of the referendum.

MR HAROLD WILSON (Huyton, Lab)—We shall continue to pursue the policy set out in our manifesto and approved by the country in two general elections last year.

MR HURD—Would he turn his undivided attention to the inflation? (Conservative cheers.) Is it true the Government are proposing to the Railways Board to go beyond the highly inflationary arbitration award?

If the Government are really prepared to accept and finance a rail settlement above 27.5 per cent, how on earth does he expect anyone to take him seriously? (Conservative cheers.)

MR WILSON—We have had a series of meetings with the TUC and CBI and these are continuing. We are seeking to reach agreement in this democracy on the basis of consent and not of confrontation. Any fool can get a settlement on confrontation. It does not last for long.

MR HEFFER (Liverpool, Walton, Lab)—Can he give an assurance, following the discussions with the CBI today, that there will not be any amendments to the Industry Bill which are beyond those agreed in the committee? (Labour cheers.)

MR WILSON—The Government are as usual considering the Bill as it came out of the committee. We shall discuss it with both sides. (Interruptions.) The Bill and its implementation will be in full accordance with the manifesto and the White Paper.

Mr Heffer will be the first to agree that where you can get things done by voluntary policies rather than by statutory policies, that is the right way to do it and that is what he said on the second reading of the Bill last March.

MR DONALD STEWART (Western Isles, Scat Nat)—Any attempt to readjust the timescale for devolution as a result of the outcome of the referendum would be a costly error for the Labour Party in political terms. Can he give an assurance there will be no extension of the timetable as originally promised?

MR WILSON—There is no connexion between the outcome of the referendum and the Government's proposals on devolution which were set out clearly in the White Paper published last autumn. In spite of press rumours—they seem to have funny ideas from some funny places—we are sticking to the White Paper and there is no change in the timetable, as we have made clear.

MR PRIOR, Opposition spokesman on employment (Lowestoft, C)—Would it not be more accurate, in view of the Government's record, to say that any fool can get a settlement on surrender? (Conservative cheers.) What is the Government's policy towards the railway dispute?

MR WILSON—Exactly as we have explained it to the railway unions and the Railways Board. We have made clear that we cannot possibly go along with their claim or with negotiations on anything like that.

We have explained to them that although the consequences of a strike in support of that claim would be very, very costly to the country both at home and abroad, particularly for the travelling public and the movement of essential goods, that the acceptance of a doctrine involving acceding to that claim would be even more damaging. (Cheers.)

School transport

During questions on school transport, MR MULLEY, Secretary of State for Education and Science, said: I do not think that anyone should expect that we are able to change the system in a way which will add substantially to the cost. We have to get a better system at the same cost to local authorities.

Parliamentary notices

House of Lords

Today at 2.30: Debate on the value of the Commonwealth. Debatable question on the Open University.

House of Commons

Today at 3.30: Sex Discrimination Bill, remaining stages.

New Conservative way to avoid beer and sandwiches at No 10

The Finance Bill was further considered in standing committee.

On Clause 7 (Continuation of Powers under Finance Act 1961 s 9),

MR NOTT, an Opposition spokesman on Treasury affairs (St Ives, C) said there did not have to be a statutory incomes policy with statutory norms and the rest for there to be an incomes policy. The Opposition were trying to get across something new.

Our overriding objective (he said), around which every other policy revolves, is that we believe there must be a minimum limit placed on national expenditure in money terms. We are not saying that we would get rid of altogether a system of resource planning based on constant prices. But we are saying it must be supplemented by regulated by the actual available cash resources in the economy. Those cash limits should be publicly announced.

No public corporation could come to the Government for one extra penny beyond the specified cash limits publicly announced.

In order to set the limits the Government would have to take a view on the permitted increase in the total wage bill for the place within that limit, but the cash limit must be a matter for the Government. It could not be subject to negotiation at endless meetings over beer and sandwiches at No 10.

The economic survival of the country and the solvency of all its citizens was not a topic for negotiation with the TUC and CBI. With unemployment mounting and with a deepening recession, there were already disciplines and sanctions within the private sector, which provided the cash disciplines the Opposition were seeking within the public sector by new Government measures.

We are not presenting a monetarist argument (he said). It is specifically related to the control of money expenditure. The two are related, but they are different.

Some moment must be chosen to reassert sanity, and whichever moment was chosen there would be cries of unfairness. The bigger the union, the louder the cry. The argument would be heard that it was foolish to pick on the railways at the moment. That ignored that to be successful any policy would require a major act of political will. That meant not only telling the people that their living standards must fall, but it also meant coming out with some specific and unpleasant policies to make that act of government stick.

The people would not understand if the Government now yielded to a major claim and then in a week or two came out with a tougher policy for the forthcoming wage round.

The Government (he said) must immediately impose money expenditure limits and show the political guts and will to stick by them. The alternative route, in which they might go for a statutory prices and incomes policy, will lead the country fast downhill towards catastrophe.

MR RIDLEY (Cirencester and Tewkesbury, C) said the danger of the social contract and the attitude of those who believed trade unionism was one of the greatest things that ever happened to ordinary working people, was that trade union leaders would not see the signs and would lead into excessive wage claims against a background where the working people knew they could not even have the same wages, let alone higher ones.

Whether or not there was an incomes policy there would have to be a cut in public expenditure. There would follow transitional unemployment and increased bankruptcies.

MR JOEL BARNETT, Chief Secretary to the Treasury (Heywood and Royton, Lab) said there was agreement that the borrowing requirement was too high at £9,000m. That was why the Government reduced it and were seeking to bring it down further. There was agreement that the level of price inflation was too high. There was no simple answer by way of more stringent control of prices. That would be self-defeating. This was why the Government allowed some relaxation of the Price Code, particularly in relation to investment, and why they were removing the subsidies as fast as was humanly possible in the nationalized industries.

There was agreement that the level of wage inflation was too high and that the level of public expenditure would inevitably have to be cut if public sector wage increases went on as they were. With the present public sector borrowing requirement increases of the kind they had had in public sector wages could only mean cuts in public expenditure as a whole. If the private sector wage settlements of the kind they had could only mean rising unemployment by the pricing out of the market of the goods which were trying to sell.

The Government were ex how they could more to a extent to ease ceilings. He however, the Opposition we imagine that it was some panacea to switch to cash li was a gross over-simplific imagine that one could pla expenditure through cash and that was it.

I hope we can find a (he said) to use cash limits in a degree than we are now.

He would like at least t persuade the trade union ment to control the money from the very ground, b that they did not go for wage agreements which themselves and their friend jobs.

One way or another, country was to get over a few years, the level of wa ments must be abated. Th wage settlements there better chance of keeping creating more in the privat In the public sector they then need to cut spending and services to the same d

By keeping down the public sector wages the ensure that more would able for the social objecti wanted. He was not madly tic, but the next year or t demand considerable s from both sides of industr

The clause was agreed

Not luxuries

On Schedule 7 (VAT rate).

MR BEITH (Berwic Tweed, L) moved an am to exclude electric blank the 25 per cent rate o said the notion that an blanket was a luxury was

MR SHELDON, Financi tary to the Treasur under-Lyne, Lab) said m kets were sold for no me son whatsoever. In any taxation system there w anomalies. The intention to reduce the anomalies i inum.

The amendment was re 14 votes to 10—Go majority, four.

Creating a more cost-effective, streamlined field Army with fewer overheads and greater combat capability

MR ROBERT BROWN, Under Secretary for the Army (Newcastle upon Tyne, West, Lab) opening a debate on the Army on the motion for the adjournment, said it had not yet been possible to quantify in cash terms the precise savings which would accrue from the restructuring measures, but they would enable the overall strength of the Army to be reduced by about 15,000 men. This was approximately 10 per cent of the total force and the resultant saving would be a significant measure towards fulfilling the manifesto on which the Government were elected.

There would be some reductions in British forces stationed outside Europe, but by means of reorganization this country would be able to continue to maintain its contribution to Nato of 55,000 troops on the mainland of Europe in accordance with treaty commitments. No reduction in this level would be made in advance of mutual and balanced force reductions.

The aim of restructuring had been to create a more cost-effective and streamlined field army with fewer overheads and a greater combat capability. When the process was complete Britain would have a modern Army geared to the requirements of the 1980s.

As a result of the defence review the TAVR would become more closely integrated with the Regular Army, to the advantage of both. It would continue its present role of reinforcing the Regular Army in defence of the United Kingdom and of the Continent. The integration of the TAVR within the new district command structure would lead not only to greater efficiency but also to improved morale. Men and women of this service would have a stronger sense of professionalism and identify with their regular counterparts.

One cause of concern was the level of recruiting to the TAVR which was still less than they would wish to see. He was confident that the TAVR, with its high standard of efficiency and dedication, was capable of meeting the tasks allocated to it.

Within the Regular Army there was concern about redundancy. While reductions in manpower would be as far as possible achieved by natural wastage a measure of redundancy would be unavoidable. The scale of restructuring made it impossible to say now precisely who would be involved, but it was anticipated that reductions would start in the Army towards the end of next year and it was hoped they would be over a period of something like four years. The terms for redundancy were fair and every effort would be made to assist those concerned in their return to civilian life.

Servicemen and their families, particularly when stationed overseas, were cut off not only from relations and friends but often also from familiar entertainment and pastimes. In Germany especially boredom presented a problem. Plans to provide an English language television service for the Forces in Germany were progressing well.

By the end of the year a recorded service would be available for about eight hours a day to about 17,000 Servicemen and their families. By 1978, so far as was feasible, programmes would be transmitted to Germany simultaneously with their transmission in this country.

Technical considerations and the time difference between Britain and Germany for part of the year might sometimes make simultaneous transmission impossible but live items like the news were likely always to be broadcast at the same time.

He wished to repeat the Government's intention to introduce, as soon as the opportunity presented itself, legislation to improve the arrangements under which Servicemen and their wives could register as electors. He was appalled at the small percentage of Service people eligible to vote.

Any further cuts in force levels in Northern Ireland must depend on a lowering of the level of violence. While the Government did not believe the Provisional IRA had been responsible for much of the bombing and shooting in the last four months, others had taken their place.

Although the number of incidents involving the Army had been reduced since the ceasefire, maintaining a low level of operation could be an even greater strain on morale.

MR GOODHART (Bromley, Beckenham, C) for the Opposition, said in one respect the Army was less grievously hurt than the other Services as a result of the redeployment and restructuring.

Well before ministers embarked on the elaborate charade known as the defence review, a study of the Army's command structure and fire support had begun. On the central front of Nato it was claimed that fire power was more important than manpower and the Opposition welcomed any study which sought to improve the proportion of weapons to men and the balance between headquarters and fighting units.

At a time when there was talk of need for cooperation with allies, the reorganization of Britain's command structure put her increasingly out of step with her Nato allies. There were grave fears about the Army equipment programme.

The Government knew they would provoke a storm of criticism if they cut back still further orders for combat aircraft. Each order had considerable political and economic sex-appeal. Any commitment to cancel or roll back the shipbuilding programme for the Royal Navy would be likely to provoke another storm from shop stewards and trade unions but the procurement programme of the Army was spread over a much wider area.

It was much more difficult to imagine demonstrators marching in Whitehall for the Ptarmigan Trunk Communications system for Buccaneer aircraft. They therefore suspected that the Army would be asked to bear an undue proportion of the extra £110m defence cuts.

It was the Army, always in the front line, which would be most at risk when it came to coping with any future economies.

He was critical of the concept of directing all efforts to the central front where there was already such a heavy concentration of men and weapons. The threat was greatest on the flanks on Nato and the Soviet Union and her friends were likely to probe most vigorously where Nato was weakest.

By cutting the United Kingdom mobile reserve, or portable brigades from three to one, the Government had helped to make the soft underbelly a little softer.

There are those of us (he went on) who feel that the IRA is using the ceasefire to rest, regroup and rearm.

It was urgent that Northern Ireland political leaders should reach agreement on the future policing arrangements there as quickly as possible. The raid on the armoury underlined that the United Kingdom military presence would be needed in Northern Ireland for a long time.

MR TINN (Teesside, Redcar, Lab) said that it was an obvious drawback that the western alliance suffered in having no less than 14 separate national ministries of defence. There was a multiplicity of tanks as against the Russian provision for the Warsaw Pact countries. The failure to standardize led to many and considerable disadvantages.

MR TROTTER (Tynemouth, C) said that he could not accept that the world was less dangerous.

MR CRAWSHAW (Liverpool, Toxteth, Lab) said if the strategy of the Army was to hold an assault from a Warsaw Pact country pending negotiations on the use of nuclear weapons, what was the purpose of Britain's highly mobile force in Germany? If the forces were not going to be moved forward they should make their defence where they were.

SIR FREDERICK BENNETT (Torbay, C) said they were facing the constantly increasing aggressive power of the Warsaw Pact on the borders of the Berlin Wall and along the Iron Curtain. There were no signs at any level that they were thinking in terms of defence. They were thinking in terms of expansionist and military activity.

MR WILLIAM HAMILTON (Central Fife, Lab) said he intended to pursue the case of the boy soldier who lost his life in Colchester because it seemed, from talking to the parents and having correspondence with them, that there was a prima facie case of medical negligence which might have contributed to the death. It may be that out of the case might arise the need to reexamine the ways in which these cases were investigated. It was not satisfactory for them to be investigated by the interested parties themselves. There was a powerful case for having an independent outside lay investigation into the allegations made by these parents.

MR CRITCHLEY (Aldershot, C) said without weapon standardization in Europe, Europe would find herself disarmed as a result of inflation.

MR HOOSON (Montgomeryshire, L) said the real question was whether they were getting value for money. The Government had probably just hit the right balance, but with the divergence in weaponry and support it was impossible for Nato to be efficient.

MR NEWENS (Harlow, Lab) said that the defence cuts had not gone far enough. Britain should have an effective conventional Army. He was not a pacifist, but the country had reached a stage where sooner or later it would have to face the fact that it could no longer afford to have large bodies of troops stationed overseas.

MR TOWNSEND (Bexley, Bexleyheath, C) said a tax free bounty should be paid to every soldier who completed service in Northern Ireland. Britain was committing some of its fittest and finest young men to the streets of Belfast and the present arrangements for compensation brought no credit to the House.

MR ALAN LEE WILLIAMS (Havering, Hornchurch, Lab) said by the early 1980s an all-regular Army might be a thing of That was not inevitable b situation was to be faced for selective call-up migh be considered. An a might be to greatly inc use of the TAVR.

MR MATHER (Esher, was important that it across to the country the defence because the peo not getting that messag larly the young. Brit volunteer professional ar vices which were becomi ed.

DR ALAN GLYN (Wi Maidenhead, C) said it tial to increase the siz reserves and to think m carefully of the cooperat should be between the mi civil organizations. No or to see private armies in try.

MR DUNLOP (Mid Ulster) said the Army's ation methods had be tioned, but they could n squeamish when dealing kind of people who had blown up a three-year and mutilated her father.

MR WIGGIN (West Mare, C), for the Opposi the time when the Army cut was the time to be the reserves in munitions and resources.

The defence review cor element of realism for t which did not show with the RAF and the Navy. vices accepted that at great economic crisis th have to share some pa urgently needed cut Government expenditure far as it tied up with defence needs. The RAF proposals did not meet criterion.

MR ROBERT BROWN Secretary for the Army, Army would stay in Nor land to whatever numb required to help combat from whatever quarter.

He had just heard that weapons had been found pit about six miles from t County Londonderry by Battalion of the UDR at SLR rifles and one .22 r number of pistols had b vered. He hoped that the the stolen arms would be

He hoped this incident distract them from recog major contribution that continued to make to th of Northern Ireland.

The debate concluded.

Concern about coach crash road

In a statement on the coach and lorry road on the A.74 near Moffat, Dumfriesshire, yesterday,

MR ROSS, Secretary of State for Scotland (Kilmarnock, Lab) said that there had been very heavy rain before the accident. Of the 44 occupants of the coach, 10, including the driver were killed or died later from injuries; and 34 were injured. The driver of the lorry involved was also injured.

The coach and most of the passengers, many of whom were elderly, came from the Brighton area and were on a tour of Scotland.

MR MONRO (Dumfries, C)—Will there be a fatal accident inquiry? While appreciating the difficulty of upgrading this dual carriageway to motorway standard at once, can he assure the House that he will give urgent consideration to the erection of a central barrier through the length of the A74, which might have prevented the tragedy yesterday?

MR ROSS—Fatal accident inquiries are first a matter for the Procurator Fiscal advising the Lord Advocate, but if, as seems to be the case in this accident, an employee has been killed in the course of his employment, a fatal accident inquiry is mandatory.

The road has been the subject of considerable concern by Mrs Hart (Lanark, Lab) and Mr James White (Glasgow, Pollok, Lab). It is under constant surveillance by the road survey unit. We looked at the question of barriers fairly recently, but came to the conclusion that the £1.5m it would cost would be better spent in increasing the safety of road junctions, hard standing verges.

In the light of this accident and what comes out of it, I will look at it again.

MR BOWDEN (Brighton, Kemptown, C)—The people of Brighton have been stunned and shocked by the terrible tragedy.

He said that many in the coach were personally known to him or to his wife and he paid tribute, as well as to the rescue services, to those injured who were nearly all elderly and many of whom had been trapped for a time in the greatest possible pain. He asked Mr Ross to convey to the people of Scotland the gratitude for the way this tragedy was handled.

MR ROSS—I know how it must affect a town when elderly people set out on a tour and it ends in tragedy like this. One of the features reported to me has been the lack of panic and the courage of the people on the coach.

MR MOLLOY (Ealing, North, Lab)—There seems to be great apprehension in the country at large about bus and charabanc accidents. It is time to examine whether there should be a review of the technical safety facilities of such coaches and buses and for a review on what sort of roads vehicles of this calibre should be permitted to drive.

MR ROSS—We have to be careful not to jump to conclusions about the cause of the accident. The question of safety of coaches is a matter for another minister but from what we know about the accident, there seems to be no general question here peculiar to the safety of coaches.

MR McELHONE (Glasgow, Queen's Park, Lab)—As there have been 800 accidents on this road over four years and we are waiting for upgrading of the road and for a barrier at the centre, can we have a guarantee of extra police supervision, because it is a dangerous road?

MR ROSS—We are not speaking here of an accident black spot. No other accidents appear to have taken place at this location and in the years 1971-73 only three single vehicle accidents took place anywhere near it.

It is one of the busiest roads of this type in the country. About 17,000 vehicles a day are using the road, about 25 per cent of them goods vehicles, but we should not jump too hastily to conclusions about this accident.

MR BUCHANAN-SMITH, Opposition spokesman on Scotland (North Angus and Mearns, C)—Since previous examinations of safety factors, the road network at either end of the road has improved vastly, up to motorway standard. It introduces an element of people not realizing that it is dual carriageway and not motorway.

He should take that fact into account in examination of the safety measures and barriers.

MR ROSS—There is this factor of going from motorway to trunk road. We have to take care and drive according to the conditions of the road.

Ulster employment agency

House of Lords

The British Railways (No 2) Bill and the Milford Haven Conservancy Bill were read a second time.

The Hearing Aid Council (Extension) Bill passed the committee stage.

The Fair Employment (Northern Ireland) Bill was considered in committee.

On Clause One (Constitution and general duties of the Agency),

LORE BELSTEAD (Lab) moved an amendment requiring three organizations to be consulted before appointments were made to the Fair Employment Agency, the main body under the Bill. They were: the Northern Ireland Regional Council of the Confederation of British Industry; the Northern Ireland Committee of the Irish Congress of Trade Unions, and the Northern Ireland Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

He said the agency would have wide powers over education, the promotion of equality, and the prevention of discrimination. If the powers were used insensitively considerable damage could be done to industrial relations.

LORD DONALDSON, Under Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, said it would be ridiculous to appoint the agency without consulting the organizations. The Department of Manpower would normally consult representatives of employers and employees in making the appointments.

The amendment was withdrawn.

On Clause 3 (Meaning of "equality of opportunity").

LADY BACON (Lab) moved an amendment to ensure that people in Northern Ireland without religious beliefs were protected against discrimination.

LORD DONALDSON, Under Secretary, Northern Ireland Office, said he agreed with the aim of the amendment.

At report stage, an amendment making the position clear would be introduced.

The amendment was withdrawn.

The New Towns Bill, which has been through the Commons, was read a second time.

House adjourned, 7.31 pm.

Woman for rail board urged

LADY WARD OF NORTH TYNESIDE (C) asked if the Government believed there was no woman of appropriate qualities and experience to be eligible for appointment to the British Railways Board.

LADY BIRK, Under-Secretary of State for the Environment—No. The Secretary of State for the Environment is not of that opinion.

LADY WARD—If a competent and suitable woman was appointed, more attention would be paid to cleaning up the stations.

LADY BIRK—A woman on the board would be desirable. But there has been a great gap between intentions stated by many ministers and actions. I hope the gap will close and I undertake to speak to the Secretary of State, and the new minister of transport.

CAP stocktaking: more realistic monetary arrangements necessary

European Parliament
Strasbourg

The common agricultural policy was a cornerstone of European integration but its full development was being inhibited by the lack of political volition to achieve common policies in other spheres. This view was expressed in a 57 point motion from the Committee on Agriculture relating to the European Commission's stocktaking of the CAP, which formed the basis of a debate on the working of the Community's farm policy.

The motion repeated Parliament's endorsement of the original 1973 memorandum on streamlining the CAP, which was not accepted by the Council of Ministers.

The motion welcomed the stocktaking and suggested that such reviews should take place every five years. The stocktaking should lead to a set of agricultural estimates to serve as a permanent instrument of forward planning. Five-year production targets should be reviewed each year to allow for the maximum use of resources.

Production targets which took into account domestic consumption to be covered by Community agriculture, Community import and export requirements and imports from poor countries and stocking policies could make a useful contribution to a stable market and guaranteed supplies of food.

The motion recommended additional policies to supplement improved intervention mechanisms and that the system of direct income subsidies should be restricted to particular situations with the aim of overcoming structural handicaps. It approved the Commission's proposals to increase the sensitivity of the producer's reaction to market situations but insisted that any measures to this effect should not stand in the way of modernization or relieve the Community of its responsibility regarding farmers' incomes. It requested measures to encourage regional specialization of production.

The motion called for the consistent development of the CAP, an examination of the social and economic repercussions of dismantling the system of monetary compensatory amounts, and a simplification of the rules of application of the CAP and the common customs tariff to limit the cost of their administration and minimize the possibility of fraud.

MR SCOTT-HOPKINS (UK, West Derbyshire, C), moving the motion, said the CAP had had its successes and failures but the principles underlying the CAP were still acceptable and were those on which the future should be based. One of the main failures related to the level of incomes of the farming community. A large proportion of farmers had had difficulties. Overall, incomes in agriculture were falling behind those in industry.

The Commission had based its price policies on the concept of the modern farm. In the past they had tended to look to the CAP to deal with farms which fell below the level of the modern farm. This was not the right approach. They should look to the regional and social policies to help in this sphere. People who were farming in difficult areas needed help, and they should concentrate their minds on how this interlocking between the regional and social funds could take place.

One of the drawbacks at present was that they often seemed to be plunging from surplus into deficiency with some products. With the five-year review proposed by the Committee they would be able to have a much clearer outlook on how incomes should be moving, once they knew the levels of production necessary to meet demands from consumers.

One problem which bedevilled agriculture and the CAP was that of the monetary compensatory amounts and the green currencies. Unless they could quickly eliminate the latter they would never get the CAP working in the way it should.

Not enough attention had been paid to improving the marketing of agricultural products throughout the Community. European farmers were excellent at producing food but they were bad at selling it.

M COINTAT (France, Gaullist) said the CAP was the Community's only true common policy and it deserved more adventurous and courageous proposals. The long-term financial prospects should have been dealt with. Agricultural expenditure had increased rapidly in the past few years. Incomes had increased to a marked extent but not sufficiently.

SIGNOR VETRONE (Italy C-D) said the common agricultural policy had reached a turning point. The policy should be more forceful because at present the world market situation made it a temptation to resort to national measures. Radical changes were necessary in the Community's instruments.

M HOUDET (France, L), chairman of the committee on agriculture, said the CAP had for many years been at the forefront of Community policies. It was conditioned by overall economic and monetary policy and had been one of the victims of the hesitations and semi-failures in recent years in the move towards economic and monetary union.

MR MARK CLINTON, the Irish Minister of Agriculture, and President in Office of the Council of Agricultural Ministers, said the Commission's stocktaking report was still with the Council and it would be inappropriate for him to put forward a Council view at this stage. The fact that the CAP had been subjected to considerable stress over recent months had made it difficult for the Council to devise long-term measures.

The monetary problem was still unresolved but it was remarkable how the CAP had continued to function despite the difficulties caused by varying exchange rates. The system of monetary compensatory amounts had at least made it possible to keep going but they must realize that this system raised serious problems and more realistic arrangements were necessary.

At present the Council was mainly engaged on the question of trade concessions to Mediterranean countries. Ways must be found of ensuring the burden of the concessions was not borne by particular areas or producers in the Community.

More information was needed about short-term and medium-term market trends so as to enable them to take preventive action in time. The suggestion for a five-year production plan deserved careful attention.

MR LARDINOIS, Commissioner responsible for agriculture, said he was interested by the comments about the elimination of Monetary Compensation Amounts. They knew his feelings on this. He had fought the system since its inception. But we must admit now (he said) that in the disorderly monetary situation in the western world today, without this system of MCAs, or a similar system, we would not have been able to keep our agricultural policy going.

It was a system designed for emergencies and had helped the Community on a number of occasions. Without it the CAP would no longer exist. Ultimately the system could only disappear when economic and monetary union was brought into practice. EMU was needed for the continuation of the CAP.

The five-year review was an excellent suggestion but he was not enthusiastic about the production targets. These could make the Commission the target of even more criticism. He was prepared to have a trial run in one or two sectors, for example, grain. They must remember that there were inherent risks in an operation of this kind.

The Mediterranean policy of the Community should be reviewed and revised. He hoped after the holiday period that the Commission would make practical proposals.

Much of what was pr the resolution from the on Agriculture he would accept. But Parliament derstand that the Comm been handicapped in fo improvements to the CA fire brigade activities it obliged to undertake in t months.

The United Kingdom, Italy and France had all problems and difficulties past year which could h the disintegration of the this had not happened.

MR RALPH HOWE (North Norfolk, C) said had a common currency mon fiscal policy there c common agricultural pol should start thinking in the European farm. I those commodities in w could achieve self-suffic those in which they woul self-sufficient.

MR CORRIE (UK, N shire and Bute, C) said where starvation was a r blem it was right that ar could produce a surplus sh. It was better to have agricultural industry surpluses than a weak leading to higher price consumer and shortages.

MR LARDINOIS said mental apparatus Community was sound.

We want to make it so said), healthier, more m more geared to the future tremendous task but it is a solid foundation. The the cornerstone of cooperation.

The motion was carrie

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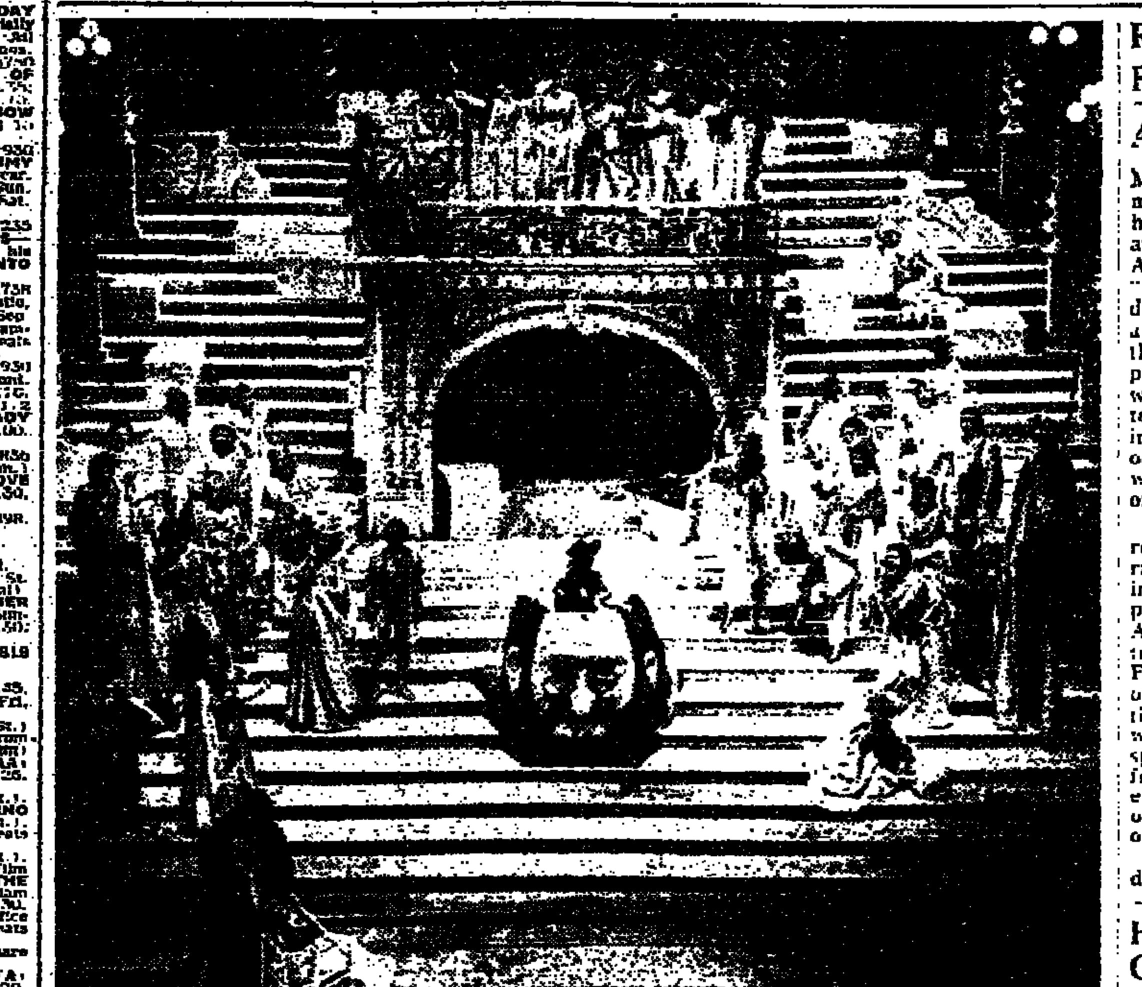
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Public Opinion (Jasperina de Jong) speaks from Offenbach

'Orpheus' stalled by a sumptuous hell

To most directors Offenbach and Wagner would appear to be an odd pair of musical companions, but not to Götz Friedrich. His *Orpheus in the Underworld*, which has just opened at the Holland Festival, is a child of his Covent Garden *Ring*. Both Wagner and Offenbach, Friedrich argues very plausibly, are concerned with heaven, the infernal regions and the earth that lies between them. The names may be different—call it Valhalla or Olympus, the Rhineland or Thebes, Niebelheim or the Underworld—but the relationship remains exactly the same. The concern is with gods and devils and with mere mortals trapped unhappily in the middle of the sandwich.

Friedrich underlines the point by using a very similar stage layout in Amsterdam for his *Orpheus* to the one in London for the first two nights of his *Ring*, except that in Holland he has gone very, very much farther. The centre of the Theater Carre, by the side of the Amstel, has been gutted. The stalls have disappeared to make way for the glowing red *enfers*, surrounded by catwalks and flights of steps suitable for Offenbach's galops and cancans. The Holland orchestra, split into two groups with an additional pop combo on the righthand side, is pushed against the parterre. But most of the audience is up in the balcony looking down on the playing area as into the mouth of a volcano. Stalls patrons at Covent Garden had better make sure of their seats when the *Ring* cycle resumes.

In common with one or two other contemporary directors Friedrich is out to reshape the conventional spaces of the theatre. Hal Prince split up band and stage for *Candide* in New York; Peter Brook totally altered the playing area of Les Bouffes du Nord in Paris for *Timon*. But Friedrich's main concern, since he is dealing with heaven and the underworld, is with vertical rather than horizontal movement. So while Thebes with its Orpheum, where Orpheus gives his violin lessons and bores Eurydice literally to distraction, remains at normal stage level Olympus is perched near the top of the proscenium arch, or what is left of the decorated heights of the Carre.

If appearances alone mattered this would be a very sumptuous *Orpheus*. Toni Businger's decor is remarkable. Olympus is coloured in milk and honey, the sickly and monotonous diet of Jupiter and his fellow gods. Thebes has a very Dutch tulip patch outside the Orpheum and some golden corn, where Pluto lingers in his shepherd's disguise, to conceal the snake which bites Eurydice. The underworld, guarded by two Cerberuses with flashing red eyes, is a labyrinth of fiery tunnels. Jan Skalicky's costumes from the black sheep, which replace the shepherds in the Act 1 ballet, to the bushytailed cohorts of Pluto are equally ravishing.

But Cremieux, Halévy and Offenbach provided some words and music too and these tend to get lost. The evening begins with a good joke. The orchestra under Franz Allers starts by playing the music for that other treatment of the Orpheus legend by Gluck, appropriately enough since the run of Holland Festival performances of *Orfeo* ended the night before Offenbach's *Orphée* began. But he is stopped in mid beat by Pluto. The bust of Gluck is moved to the side of stage and is replaced by Offenbach's beaky head with the familiar pince-nez and flowing whiskers.

The rest of the humour becomes rather more laboured. Götz Friedrich, for reasons which are not immediately clear, has decided to play the operetta in four languages. Orpheus and Eurydice sing in German, the underworld represented by Pluto and John Styx go for French and English respectively, while most of the rest are happy to perform in Dutch. These EEC performances may begin by being a courtesy in an international festival, but they are apt to develop into a drag when prolonged translations set in, as Vienna found out to its cost in the recent *Fledermaus* at the Theater an der Wien.

And here is the problem with Theater Carre's *Orpheus*. The sheer weight of its staging hangs too heavily on the music. Where the score should froth and sparkle it sounded thin under the listless baton of Franz Allers, who rather naturally was preoccupied in keeping all the elements together. But the pop combo in the last act did a great deal to liven things up. And the production was obviously geared to a spectacular can-can, which really became an infernal dance as the company, augmented by the National Ballet and the Lee Jackson Soul Dancers, pointed their legs and thighs from the ceiling to the foundations of the theatre.

By this time Offenbach had been left rather a long way behind. Jan Handerson earlier in the act had taken a mike in his hand for the last two or three couplets of John Styx's "Quand j'étais roi de Béorie" when the pop group came in with support, a far shout from the original Styx, the lugubrious Bache who was described as having the appearance of an amorous giraffe. Jasperina de Jong, the Dutch musical comedy star, was also much happier in the midst of the dance with another microphone than she had been as straitlaced Public Opinion (Offenbach's answer to the Greek chorus) with a cohort of supporting newspapers. This journal, readers may be inspired to know, was dressed in a sexy *black leather number*, with calf-high boots and a busby.

Catherine Gayer was the voluptuous Eurydice, who looked as though she would be far more content with her young Bacchus, complete with a massive bunch of grapes in place of a cod-piece, than with her boring musician husband. She had trouble casting her voice across the underworld to the audience at the start, but the vocal chords loosened to produce some glittering notes as the evening moved on. Matti Juhani as Orpheus was dressed up to look like Wagner and appeared to play the violin exceedingly well. George Shirley was as convincing spreading trouble between the heights and the depths as Pluto as he had been nine months ago as Loge. And there we are back at the Covent Garden *Ring*. Loge . . . Pluto . . . . In the hands of Göz Friedrich and in the shape of George Shirley they may not be so very different.

There are further performances of *Orpheus* at the Theater Carre until June 23. But book in advance; with the auditorium filled with performers there is not a great deal of room for spectators.

John Higgins

RPO/Arrau/Atherton

Festival Hall

Alan Blyth

Magisterial and authoritative may be overworked adjectives, but none other are so apt and appropriate to describe Arrau's playing of Beethoven's "Emperor" concerto on Monday night. Definitive might almost be added to them except that in such music not even a player of Arrau's character would pretend to have the mastery of all its facets. Still, hearing and enjoying him on this occasion, it seemed as if there was no more cogent or vital way of revealing its secrets.

Although everything in his reading, from the most exhilarating passage-work in the opening movement through the profound contemplation of the Adagio to the bravura contrasted with delicacy of the Finale, seems to be the product of the most careful consideration, even calculation, nothing was in the least lacking in spontaneity. Quite the contrary; from first to last there was that extra touch of daring that could only come from the inspiration of the moment.

At times some sudden ritardando, some marked accentuation, some pearly flurry of semiquavers seemed entirely to come into his head as it happened. Yet all was retained within the logic and structure—and what logic and structure—of Beethoven's concept. And in his 70s, far from being technically tired, there seems almost a new spring in Arrau's fingers, a fresh élan.

No such satisfying interpretation can live on a solo performance alone, and the orchestra, under David Atherton, provided rapt, attentive support, whereas in the G major concerto what looked like a second-eleven RPO were not equipped to match the subtleties provided by Arrau. His control of dynamics, searching sonorities and, in the last movement, sense of joy had to fend for themselves. They did, but it was sometimes like only half the story.

In the second symphony, the ensemble was even more slapdash. It sounded as if the work had not had much more than 10 minutes of rehearsal time, and that some of the string players had not even encountered the work before. Be that as it may, Atherton's reading was too often hard-edged, relaxing only in the Larghetto, still one of Beethoven's most endearing and easy-going movements, although not for the horns, who here excelled themselves.

Holliger/Munich Chamber Orchestra

Queen Elizabeth Hall

Thomas Walker

None of us wanted to let Heinz Holliger go after he had played the Vivaldi C major oboe concerto (FV7, No 6) on Monday night. He responded to the tumult by repeating the slow movement, and in so doing showed a measure of his rare artistry, adding new yet never obtrusive ornamentation, heightening the tone from autumnal wistfulness to a fiery intensity to which no season I have ever experienced in Venice quite corresponds.

The Vivaldi outer movements, particularly the first, are an open invitation to mindless virtuosity; but though Holliger dealt effortlessly with even the most violinistic figuration (indeed without ever seeming to breathe) each phrase was artfully shaped. His tone was always ample and unforced.

A number of Bach's keyboard concertos are, or are thought to be, transcriptions of works for single-line instruments and orchestra. In Holliger's delivery on the oboe d'amore, No 4 in A major (BWV1055) found its true and original voice; the graceful and and tender roulades of the Larghetto seemed especially apt to that instrument's large, velvet tone.

The Munich Chamber Orchestra, conducted by Hans Stadlmair, lent firm support. They are well-drilled and produce a vibrant sound, which sometimes becomes a bit tense in the upper reaches. I thought Stadlmair made slightly heavy weather of Vivaldi's thin orchestral writing, but the Bach was crisp and vigorous.

Youth had the first word in the form of Mozart's Divertimento in D, K136 (age sixteen), and, even more radically, Schubert's Overture for strings in C minor (age thirteen). The latter is meant to be modelled on Cherubini's *Faniska* overture, and in truth I should prefer to hear the original. Sudden, excessive retards and an admittedly hard to avoid sponginess marred Stadlmair's otherwise intelligently romantic reading of the Dvorák E major Serenade. A memorable evening.



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Daniel Massey and Judi Dench

The Gay Lord Quex

Albery

Jeremy Kingston

A prime example of the dramatic art of having it both ways occurs at the end of the bedroom scene in this Pinero revival. Lord Quex, the peer with a past, has been caught in an apparently compromising situation (with a duchess) by a bright young manicurist. First he tries to buy her off. Next he appeals to her, but she remains determined to frustrate his marriage to the innocent and well-born Muriel Eden, who is, it seems, her foster-sister. The social bridge this represents was unclear. The social chasms open and close at the command of the dramatist.

Finally Quex traps her in an equivalent compromising situation and defies her to ruin him at the risk of ruining herself. The manicurist grovels, and Pinero's checkered love-story of a reformed peer and cream-faced Muriel can proceed as required.

But since the manicurist, Sophy, has been represented as a spirited little thing, she cannot be allowed to grovel for long. With a spirited change of heart she leaps for the bellpull and, heedless of her fate, swings on the bell. Open-mouthed with wonder at the turning of this lower-class worm, Quex's mood softens. He saves her from a fate worse than death (society's displeasure) and as she exits, the plot and reputation secure, she gasps, "God bless you. You're a gentleman."

Duchesses were the undoing of Ramsay MacDonald. They may have undone Pinero too. When he wrote of his gypsy players, unnerved magistrates or frantic deans the gap between employer and servant was continually, cheekily crossed. The upper classes in *Trelawny* were deliberately fossilized into absurdity. But in *The Gay Lord Quex* (1899) Pinero takes seriously not only society (so did Wilde) but takes the representatives of society seriously too (which Wilde did not). Seriously and respectfully. Some of their affectations may be satirized—but politely, for society, after all, will be attending the play. The lower classes, however, with their bumptious ways and wandering accents can be made mock of without any such restraint.

So we have Sophy's fiancé, a Frenchified palmist of no genuine dignity. The fault here is compounded by John Gielgud's direction since, by making her man so foolish, we respect Sophy that much less. Judi Dench will adorn any play and that too she shines in. Her bubbling tea-kettle spirit lifts minor lines into something amusing time and again. But the scrapes Pinero shoves her into have no social truth. The tradition of the pert maid is an old one but in her journeys from Bond Street to Richmond, country house to bedroom, the play's tone strikes false at all the crisis points.

Another hindrance he gives himself is the character of Quex. Daniel Massey is handsomely bearded and plays the character decently. But how else? In showing an "evil and dangerous" man turned to a new leaf, we have merely our imagination to give us his shameful past. And since he has passed 10 years with the pea-brained Duchess (Sian Phillips), a woman sodden with romantic affectation, he seems rather a martyr to love than a profligate.

There are fortunately the incidental felicities, principally Judi Dench's animation but also some fine settings and a remarkably quick change from art nouveau Bond Street to leafy Richmond. But the reason for choosing this play to revive is baffling.

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Thea King's choice

Aldeburgh Festival

William Mann

Peter Pears has been busy over the weekend introducing new music, in masterful voice for a tenor on the verge of reaching 65 (he bids fair to rival Martinelli's vocal longevity, perhaps that of Garcia who sang on his 100th birthday). On Monday night, Mr Pears baptized a song cycle composed for him by Gordon Crosse two Christmases ago, and on the previous evening contributed Britten's latest canticle, *The Death of Narcissus*, to a symposium in celebration of its poet, William Plomer.

Crosse's *The Cool Web* combines poems by Stevie Smith and Robert Graves and deals with childhood and growing-up, not without piquant conclusions. It begins apparently as naively as any nursery song—Britten's *Friday Afternoons* updated, as it might be—gradually turning more to the vein of the same composer's later Blake settings when the Frog Prince admits that he has got to be transformed though he is quite happy as a frog. The second song, "Allie", turns the frog's musical theme to more varied purposes and is particularly likable and subtle in expression. In the cycle's name-song, Crosse uses canons profusely to suggest the mounting complication of adult verbal communication.

The songs are sympathetically designed for Pear's voice (acknowledging his formidable *technique and care for the* music in words) and for the piano also; the evening's pianist was Clifford Benson, who played as if he had composed the music himself, here and in older works as well. The concert was chosen by Thea King, who has played the clarinet at many an Aldeburgh Festival and here had the evening's limelight, bringing glorious flexibility of phrasing and warmth of tone to Schumann, and marvellous control to the high-lying opening of Ireland's Fantasy-Sonata whose inspired lyricism she and Mr Benson projected at full intensity. It was a joy to hear this fine piece again.

Britten's fifth canticle is for tenor and harp (Osian Ellis), a memorial to Plomer whose graphic, evocative Narcissus poem ("Come under the shadow of this gray rock") is well known. It is economically written, with an imposing, highly strung, vocal climax at "he could not live men's ways"; the harp part matches the poem's moods, but seems less illuminating or fresh than expected. The highly assured performance did not strike me as forcibly as did those of the first four canticles by Britten: I wondered if it was because Britten was not writing, as there, for his own instrument, the piano.

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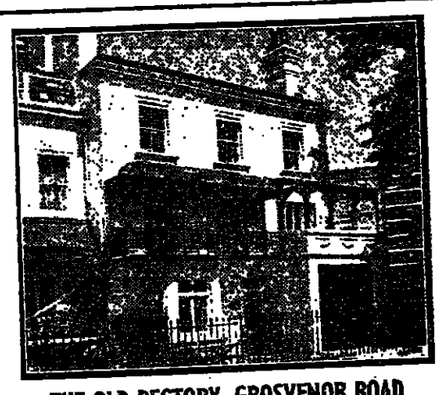
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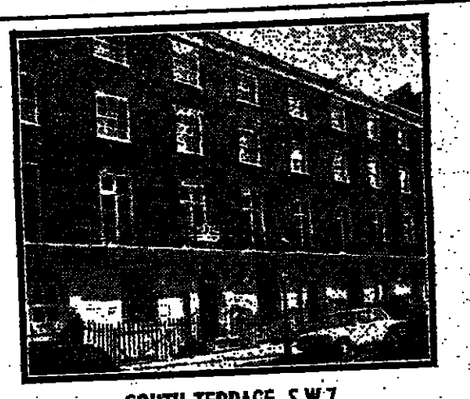
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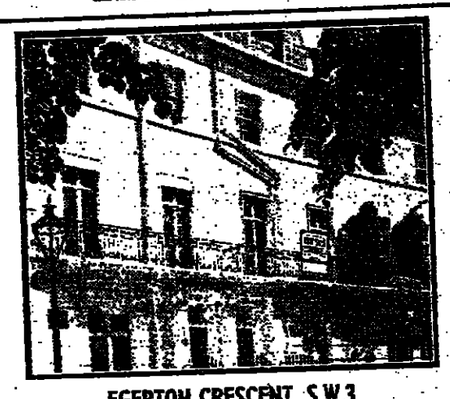
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On instructions from the Diocese of Bath and Wells the following Parsonage Houses are available in Avon and Somerset

East Pennard, Shepton Mallet

An early 19th Century Country House in the attractive small Somerset village of East Pennard. The property faces South and stands in its own grounds of approx. 2½ Acres. Hall, 3 Reception Rooms, Kitchen, 5 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Attic Rooms. Outbuildings and Grounds. For Sale by Auction on 22nd July, 1975.



Buckland Dinham

A fine early 18th century parsonage house in an elevated position facing South on the edge of the village of Buckland Dinham, approx. 10 miles South of Bath. Hall, 3 Reception Rooms, Kitchen, Boxroom, Cloakroom, 6 Bedrooms, Dressing Room. Bathroom. Outbuildings including garage and stables. Gardens and grounds extending to 0.6 Acres. For Sale by Auction on 22nd July, 1975.

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A secluded country residence of good proportions enjoying views towards the Polden and Mendip Hills. Bridgwater and Glastonbury 6 miles, M5 6 miles. Hall, 3 Reception Rooms, Kitchen, Scullery, Pantry, Cloakroom, 7 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Stables, Garage, Gardens and grounds extending to 1.15 Acres approx. For Sale by Auction on 22nd July, 1975.

Publow, Bristol

Within 5 miles of Bristol City Centre. A most attractive mid-19th Century parsonage house in very beautiful surroundings facing South and West overlooking the River Chew. Hall, 3 Reception Rooms, Kitchen and Utility Rooms, 6 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms (separate flat potential). Garden and grounds of approx. 1 Acre. For Sale by Auction on 22nd July, 1975.

Simonsbath, Exmoor

A most attractive 19th Century Country House situated in the beautiful village of Simonsbath. Constructed of stone with a slate roof the house stands well in its own grounds, enjoying fine views of the surrounding countryside. Hall, 2 Reception Rooms, Kitchen, 6 Bedrooms, Bathroom. Outbuildings and grounds extending to some 11½ Acres. For Sale by Auction on 23rd July, 1975.

Agents prepared to consider offers for sale privately beforehand on all the above properties. Details from Wells Office.

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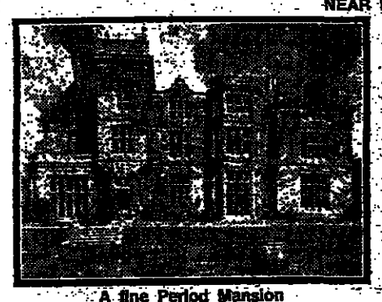
An attractive Family House
...ast of lovely countryside. Hall, 3 Reception Rooms, 6 Bedrooms, ...oms, Kitchen, Cloakroom, Laundry Room etc. Full oil fired ...heating. Useful outbuildings. Hard tennis court. Delightful Garden. ...t under 1½ Acres.
FOR SALE BY PRIVATE TREATY
Details from Mayfair Office.

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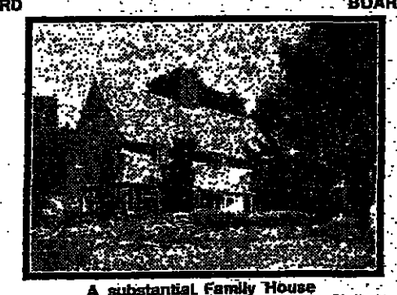
Substantial stone built Mansion
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Details from Bath Office.

DEVON — SILVERTON

A superb Period House

in this delightful village eight miles North of Exeter. Large Hall, 3 Reception Rooms, 5 Bedrooms, 2 Dressing Rooms, 2 Bathrooms, Kitchen, Utility Room, etc. Self-contained flat. Oil-fired Central Heating. Good Outbuildings. Garden. In all approximately 0.64 of an Acre.

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Details from Mayfair Office.

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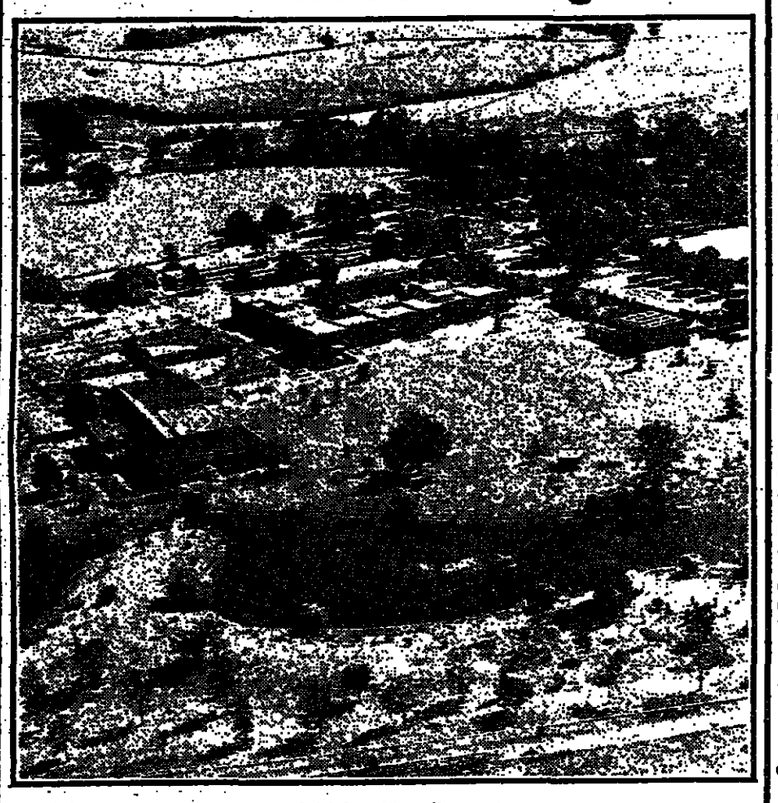
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Details from Bath Office.

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Details from Oxford Office.

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with an access to Sunningdale Golf Course. Large Hall, 2 Reception Rooms, Small Study, Breakfast Room and Sun Room, 5 Bedrooms, Dressing Room, 3 Bathrooms, Kitchenette, Main Kitchen, etc. Oil-fired Central Heating Garage for 3 cars. In all just under 1 Acre. For Sale by Private Treaty. Joint Agents Giddy & Giddy, 5 Broomhall Buildings, Sunningdale, Berkshire. Tel.: Ascot (0990) 21573

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3 Reception Rooms, 5 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms, Shower Room, Utility,

Details from Bath Office.

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SUTTON COURTENAY

Oxford 12 Miles, Didcot 5 miles

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Interesting period property

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Details from Oxford Office.

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BERKSHIRE — WOKINGHAM



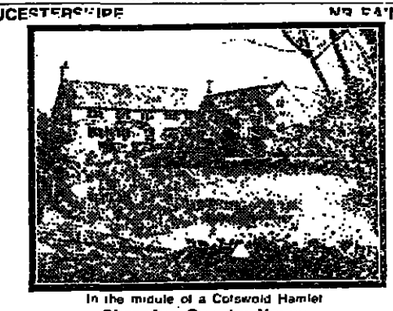
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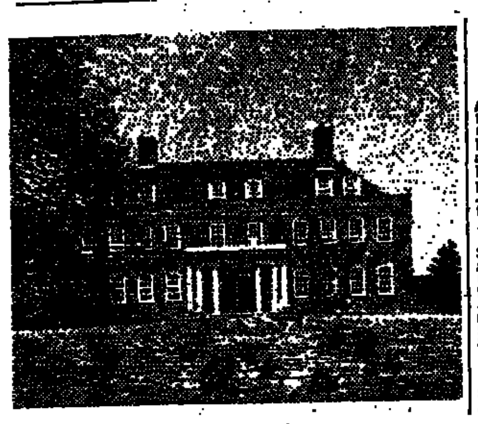
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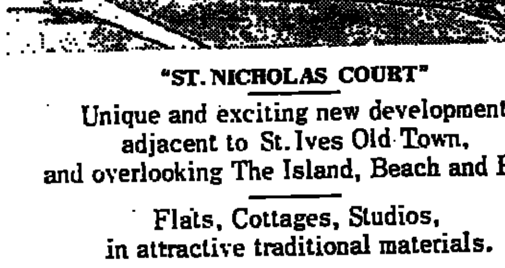
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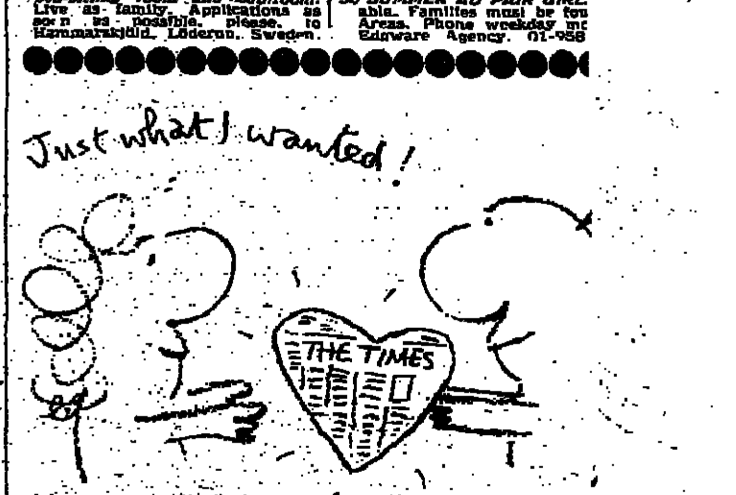
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LEGAL NOTICES

NO. 00255 OF 1975
The Companies Act 1948
In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE
In the Matter of WARDOUR IMPORTS Limited.
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All persons having in their possession any of the effects of the Company must deliver them to me, and all debts due to the Company must be paid to me.
Creditors who have not yet proved their debts must forward their Proofs of Debts to me.
PERCY PHILLIPS, Liquidator.

LEGAL NOTICES

In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE in BANKRUPTCY. No. 331 of 1975.
Re: Alan LEIGHTON, of St. Ives House, 99/119 Rosebery Avenue, London, EC1R 4RE. SHIPBROKERS AGENT. (Under Receiving Order dated 20th May, 1975). First Meeting of Creditors 26th June, 1975, at 12.0 o'clock noon at (Room 210/4th Floor), Thomas More Buildings, Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2A 2JY. Public Examination 22nd October, 1975, at 11.0 o'clock in the forenoon at Court No. 46 (Queen's Building), Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2A 2LL.
JAMES TYE, Official Receiver.
N.B.—All debts due to be paid to me.

LEGAL NOTICES

No. 001980 of 1975
In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE, Chancery Division, Companies Court. In the Matter of TROJAN RECORDS Limited and in the Matter of the Companies Act 1948.
Notice is hereby given that a PETITION for the WINDING UP of the above-named Company by the High Court of Justice was on the 10th day of June 1975 presented to the said Court by Mechanical-Copyright Protection Society Limited whose Registered Office is situate at Elgar House, 380 Streatham High Road, London SW16 6HR. And that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London W.C.2 on the 7th day of July 1975 and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing in person or by his Counsel for that purpose and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the Undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
JOYNSON-HICKS & CO., St. Martins House, 140 Tottenham Court Road, London W1. Solicitors for the Petitioner.

NOTE: Any person who intends to appear on the hearing of the said Petition must serve on or send by post to the above-named notice in writing of his intention so to do. The Notice must state the name and address of the person, or, if a firm, the name and address of the firm, and must be signed by the person or firm, or his or their solicitor (if any), and must be served or, if posted, must be sent by post in sufficient time to reach the above-named not later than four o'clock in the afternoon of the 4th day of July 1975.

No. 001981 of 1975
In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE, Chancery Division, Companies Court. In the Matter of B. & C. RECORDS Limited and in the Matter of the Companies Act 1948.
Notice is hereby given that a PETITION for the WINDING UP of the above-named Company by the High Court of Justice was on the 10th day of June 1975 presented to the said Court by Mechanical-Copyright Protection Society Limited whose registered office is situate at Elgar House, 380 Streatham High Road, London SW16 6HR. And that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London W.C.2 on the 7th day of July 1975 and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing in person or by his Counsel for that purpose and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the Undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
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No. D43499/75
IN the SUPREME COURT of ONTARIO
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MARY ANNE SHAW, Barrister and Solicitor, 382 Queen Street East, Toronto, Ontario M5A 1T1. Solicitor for the Petitioner.

In the Matter of the Companies Acts, 1948 to 1967 and in the Matter of H. G. CONTRACTS Limited (In Liquidation)
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Dated this 9th day of June, 1975.
M. A. JORDAN, Liquidator.

NO. 00361 OF 1975
The Companies Act, 1948
In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE
In the matter of PARKWATER Limited of 45, Butts Green Road, Hornchurch, Essex. Dealers and Manufacturers in Double Glazing
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All persons having in their possession any of the effects of the Company must deliver them to me, and all debts due to the Company must be paid to me.
Creditors who have not yet proved their debts must forward their Proofs of Debt to me.
PERCY PHILLIPS, Liquidator.

NO. 00496 OF 1975
The Companies Act 1948
In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE
In the Matter of RODGERS STUDIO EQUIPMENT Limited 1, Westminster Road, Wareham, Dorset.
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Creditors who have not yet proved their debts must forward their Proofs of Debt to me.
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THE COMPANIES ACTS 1931 AND 1951. T. D. LOWEY & SONS Limited.
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By Order of the Board.
E. M. LOWEY, Director.

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Dated this 3rd day of June 1975.
By Order of the Board.
T. KELLY, Director.

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J. PRIESTLEY, Secretary.

UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

University of Warwick

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Applications are invited for temporary Lectureships in the Department of Sociology, tenable from 1st October, 1975. Candidates in any of the main fields of sociology may apply. Appointments will be made on the first four points of the Lecturer scale: £2,118, £2,247, £2,412, £3,680-£4,896 p.a. plus threshold payments. Further particulars and application forms may be obtained from the Academic Registrar, University of Warwick, Coventry CV4 7AL, quoting Ref. No.: 44/SA/75. Closing date for receipt of applications is 11th July, 1975.

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UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

University of Cambridge

Applications are invited for a

UNIVERSITY LECTURESHIP

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University of Liverpool

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University of Hull

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Applications (6 copies) giving details of age, qualifications and experience together with the names of three referees should be sent by 7th July, 1975, to the Registrar, The University of Hull, Hull, HU6 7RX, from whom further particulars may be obtained.

University of St. Andrews

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University of Edinburgh

DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINOLOGY

LECTURESHIP

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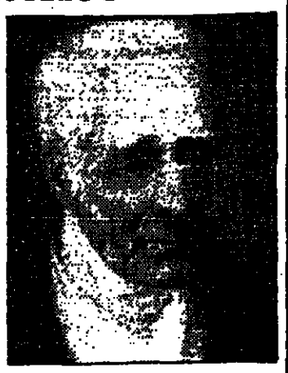
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Putting Wellington on the map at Waterloo



The celebration in Brussels today of the 160th anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo has a strong British flavour. The main event will be the opening of the newly restored Wellington museum in Waterloo by the present descendant of the *Iron Duke, who will arrive and* depart by helicopter as he has to be at Buckingham Palace in the evening to present his standard to the Queen.

Waterloo is already plunged into a "British Week", featuring drills and tattoos by soldiers of the Cheshire Regiment and the Queen's Own Highlanders, the issue of a commemorative stamp, the showing of tourist films on Britain, and a friendly football match between local shopkeepers and staff of the British Embassy in Brussels.

The point is not being unduly emphasized, but it is no secret that the festivities, and in particular the restoration of the museum, which was undertaken by the Anglophile municipality of Waterloo with advice from the curator of Apsley House in London, are seen as part of a campaign to redress the strong Napoleonic orientation of much of the tourist exploitation of the battlefield.

Two years ago, in a letter to *The Times*, the Duke of Wellington sparked off a controversy by expressing the hope that the time was "not too far distant when the British visitor will be able to visit the field of Waterloo without feeling that there is little to counterbalance the plethora of Napoleonic bric a brac and propaganda".

The renovated museum is centred on the inn at Waterloo where the present duke's famous ancestor stayed on the nights before and after the battle, and from where he sent an historic despatch describing his victory which was published in *The Times*. The report carried a Waterloo dateline, which may be one reason, apart from its English sound, why the name stuck.

The actual battle was fought in the sodden rye fields at Braine-l'Alleud, several miles to the south, and most tourists go straight there, missing the Wellington Museum altogether. The gently undulating farmland of the battlefield is still much as it was on that bloody day in 1815, except for a large grass mound topped by a lion, which was raised by the Belgians in honour of the Prince of Orange.

It is round the base of this mound that are grouped the exhibits and tourist attractions to which the duke takes exception. Among them is a dingy and crumbling cinema offering a scratchy film version of the battle, said to have been made by Mussolini's son in 1936, which manages to leave the impression that Napoleon at the very least won a moral victory.

A fanatical local Bonapartist is also frequently to be seen strutting about in the uniform of a Napoleonic foot soldier outside the restaurant he owns at the battle site. One of the caption explaining the exhibits in the museum he runs next door reads: "Waterloo, ill-fated *defeat in which the glory of the* conquered was not tarnished, nor that of the victor increased."

Still, even the most jingoistic English historians admit that the battle was a close-run thing and that Wellington was saved by the belated arrival of Blucher's Prussians. It is also agreed that Napoleon was badly off form. He is believed to have been suffering an acute attack of piles, possibly complicated by some other ailment which kept him out of the saddle and out of touch with much of the battle.

Peace seems to have descended for the time being on another front on which the present duke found himself embroiled some time ago when an agitation was mounted to end the "feudal anachronism" of the substantial income he still receives from lands granted to his ancestor near Waterloo. It subsequently transpired that the duke's 103 tenant farmers were happy to pay the rent and not at all keen to be taken over by the local authorities.

Whether the refurbished *museum in Waterloo will now* be more successful as a tourist attraction seems rather doubtful, even though it is well worth a visit. The fact is that Wellington lacked Napoleon's charisma.

The museum has recently been enlarged by the purchase of adjacent property where there are rooms commemorating the contribution of the Prussians, the Dutch, and other allies to the battle. There is also a room dedicated to Napoleon which, with just a touch of malice, is given over to momentoes of his days of imprisonment on Elba and St Helena.

Michael Hornsby

This four-pronged challenge the West must beat off

The Institute for the Study of Conflict dedicates itself with missionary zeal to warning the lax and selfish western world about the threat of communism from within and without. Its latest report, called *New Dimensions of Security in Europe*, depicts an "overwhelming" military threat from the Soviet Union, a political threat from "extremist bodies, some of them with international affiliations", an economic threat (from wider causes than East-West confrontation but liable to be exploited by the Soviet Union), and an ideological threat because the *Soviet Union regards the* intensification of the class struggle as an essential part of coexistence.

To meet all these threats Europe must look to its defences, develop its political unity and become more aware of its enemies. But Europe is suffering "a dangerous conjunction of military weakness, half-heartedness towards political unity, economic crisis, and social unrest".

This sort of argument cannot be lightly brushed aside. The West is indeed challenged on many fronts while the countries of the Warsaw Pact sustain at least the appearance of political and military purpose.

In fact it is perfectly possible, though not self-evident, that, as the report fears, western Europe is in danger of succumbing to the fate known as "Finlandization" — a situation in which the Soviet Union would be recognized as the dominant power on the *continent* and would exert growing influence on the political, economic and cultural life of western Europe without actually sending in troops or installing communist governments.

But the report can still be challenged from several directions. For instance, it makes much of the vast superiority of the Warsaw Pact in men and tanks, and says that this is offset only in part and to a diminishing extent by *qualitative* Nato superiority. This is disputed by many defence experts who regard the balance as tolerable at the moment if one takes nuclear weapons into account, especially as Nato forces have recently been improving.

The danger lies more in the long-term trend, which has been in favour of the Warsaw Pact. Nato must stop this trend either by becoming stronger or by negotiation.

This scepticism—like the report's doubts on the value of East-West trade—follows logically from a belief that the Russians are so implacably dedicated to the destruction of the West, and so clever in pursuing this aim, that almost any agreements which are acceptable to them must be to our disadvantage.

Yet this belief is not fully sustained by the report, which *combines two rather conflicing* pictures. On the one hand we read that the Soviet Union "maintains an enormous subversive apparatus and spends vast (though incalculable) sums *on its work*"; that *its overriding* purpose is to disarm the West "psychologically, politically, and in time militarily as well"; that "as yet only Moscow-line communism poses a *significant threat at the* political level"; and that "the word has increasingly gone out to the communist faithful in and outside the Soviet block in the past 18 months for the ideological struggle to be intensified".

On the other hand we are told that "the Soviet Union's attitude towards leftward change has recently seemed oddly ambivalent . . . there seems a certain half-heartedness . . . *the current generation* of political leaders are old men, and old men, even old revolutionaries, grow to dislike the prospect of sudden change". Furthermore, "the most visible sources of subversion are not necessarily the organs or agents of the Soviet Union or eastern European states or the orthodox communist parties". *In fact*, "*much subversion* in western European countries is the work of Marxist organizations that repudiate Moscow's authority".

The contradiction can be bridged by saying that the Soviet Union will exploit situations created by others, that indigenous subversion contributes to Soviet objectives by weakening the West, or that Kremlin policy may become more revolutionary when it falls into the hands of younger men (though the contrary may also be true).

But there are clearly two attitudes pointing in different directions. If the Soviet Union is a totally dedicated enemy of the West there can be no common ground except the avoidance of mutual annihilation. Any cooperation will be tactical; any agreement suspect.

If, on the other hand, the Soviet Union is a powerful, ambitious and rather nervous Russian state with a political hierarchy legitimized only by revolutionary ideology (which must therefore be sustained) its intentions may be as mixed and malleable as those of other great powers. In this case there is every reason to seek areas of agreement designed to stabilize power relations, modify intentions, or even gain advantage.

The report also suggests, rather oddly, that the Soviet Union must be shown that it cannot have detente while intensifying the "class struggle". Why? Detente does not mean abandoning all forms of competition. It means conducting relations within a safe framework. The Soviet Union cannot be expected to abandon its ideology. It can be expected to act with restraint, to respect the interests of others, and to acknowledge that the west also has a right to engage in a bit of struggle for its interests and values.

This brings the report to the difficult problem of subversion. There is a fatal tendency on the *right to attribute to subversion* so many of our problems that we are happily absolved from looking more deeply into our own societies. The report does admit indigenous causes but it *still tends to see the situation* primarily in terms of a political threat which must be countered.

Such measures may well be necessary but how far do they get us? For instance, it is now known that the East Germans poured money into the West German magazine *Konkret*, a temporarily chic amalgum of sex and Marxism which would not have been allowed within a mile of a Moscow bookstore but which was presumably thought useful in recruiting Marxists or destabilizing West German society. Yet even with East German money it needed West German readers, and these were not brought by storks from Moscow.

Richard Davy

More promises, promises in Edinburgh

Bernard Levin

Not long ago, in this space, I expressed considerable scepticism about Edinburgh's new Opera House. In an obvious sense, my scepticism was undeniably justified, for Edinburgh has not got a new Opera House; what she has is a *promised* new Opera House, and the trouble with a promised Opera House is that you cannot listen to opera in it. However, my scepticism extended to the promise itself, and I went so far as to say that I would believe in Edinburgh's new Opera House when I saw it—nay, when I sat *in it and heard the Overture*—and not a minute before. To this, the Chief Edinburgher himself, Sir Jack Kane, replied in choleric terms, insisting that before he and I and Edinburgh were *much older a brand new* Edinburgh Opera House would rise in unspeakable splendour, and I would be obliged to spend the interval on my first visit to it eating my words in palatial surroundings. In fact

In Edinburgh did Kubla Kane,
A stately pleasure-dome decree
Where Forth, the sacred river, ran
Through budgets measureless to man,
Down to the Rienzi.

Well, I have just been to Scotland and seen a magnificent *new Opera House taking* shape before my very eyes; even as I watched men were painting the interior walls a handsome shade of brown, and I climbed through what *seemed endless tiers, all with* excellent sight-lines, and then climbed down again and walked upon the ample stage, where, by the unanimous request of the workmen, I refrained from singing *Wie duftet doch der Flieder* from Act II of *Die Meistersinger*. Did I mention that I was supplied, before setting foot in the building with one of those jolly helmets ("This is a hard-hat site", proclaimed a notice at the entrance)? Perhaps, I reflected, Sir Jack Kane thought I would need protection from the coals of fire that were about to be heaped upon my sceptical head; for this was, indeed, Scotland's new Opera House, and the curtain is due to rise on October 15, revealing a new production of *Otello*. What is more, they swear that the work is on schedule, and although it is only right to say that I do not believe them, I do believe that they will keep their rendezvous with destiny.

Ah, but you see the coals-of-fire scene is not yet due, and Edinburgh's promised new Opera House remains a promised *new Opera House. For* I was not in Edinburgh at all, but in Glasgow, where the Opera House I saw was a real one, and the workmen real workmen, and the paint real paint, and the *Otello* I shall see on October 15, even if I have to walk all the way there, will be a real *Otello*.

Glasgow's Opera House is not, of course, purpose-built. (But then, Edinburgh's is not yet built at all, or even started.) It is being adapted from the Theatre Royal, a fine late-Victorian building (the era when so many of this country's best playhouses were put up), and Scottish Opera, that grand and gallant company which has so long lacked a home of its own, has had the most extraordinary stroke—nay, strokes—of luck in its acquisition. The *theatre was owned by Scottish* Television, and used as a studio; then there was a fire, and instead of renovating it, STC decided to build a new studio block. Scottish Opera crossed *its fingers and bought the old* building with £1.1m from commerce and industry, £1m from the Government, £150,000 from individual donations, and a loan at generous rates from the council (hello there, Edinburgh—still begrudging the subsidy you give the festival?).

They thus combine the best of all worlds; an intact and sound structure which they are turning, for a tiny fraction of the cost of erecting a new one, into a lavish modern Opera House, seating 1,550, with the latest equipment and every comfort.

An elaborate subscription system has been devised—essential, of course, if Scottish Opera is to secure its financial base (they plan to spend six months of the year in their new home and four months' touring—an ideal combination, I should think), but also, as they say, to give people the opera-going habit: if you buy a *subscription to all 10 operas in* the season you get 10 seats for the price of seven.

God bless this ship and all who sail in her! This is no time to be building Opera Houses, but Scottish Opera and Glasgow have thumbed their noses at time, and fate too, and crisis itself, and will shortly have a splendid Opera House within gouging distance of Sauchiehall Street. We hear this first-rate company all too seldom in London, and no doubt when they have a home of their own we shall hear them even less often. But our loss is Scotland's gain, and I *for one do not begrudge Scot*land a particle of it.

And so reflecting, I journeyed back to Edinburgh, and went to the opera—Scottish Opera, too, in *Un Ballo in Maschera*, most admirably done. Not, alas, in Edinburgh's promised new Opera House, which remains a promise, but in Edinburgh's shabby old King's Theatre, the most hopelessly *inadequate substitute* for the real thing I have ever sat in. I have been opera-going in the King's for 28 years, throughout which time the promise of the new Edinburgh Opera House has been made, without fail, every year, and broken with equal regularity; I think it possible that before Kubla Kane's stately pleasure-dome rises to shame my scepticism, the King's and I will both have aged a good deal more. So more power to Glasgow's elbow, and all health and happiness to Scotland's opera company in Scotland's Opera House. And if, on October 15, when the company launches into that incomparably stirring Act I chorus in which the crowd celebrates Otello's victory *over* "the Mussulman's pride", somebody on stage feels like varying the words ever so slightly, and celebrating instead the humbling of the good and godly place at *the other end of the M8, I for* one shall think the gesture not entirely unjustified.

Stop press: Even as I was writing this, Edinburgh was wondering aloud whether she might, after all, abandon the plan for a new Opera House and convert a cinema instead. Of course, she might not do either.

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Eric Moonman

Why consumers should have their say in running industry

A consumer's contract. It certainly sounds right, but then so did the social contract. Yet in terms of obtaining a wide consensus of public understanding and support, it could be more successful because, whatever our position as employers or workers, we are all consumers of other people's products, of the social services and of the "national cake".

Consumer spokesmen for the major political parties tell us that consumer interests are well catered for. Certainly in terms of fair trading practices and the safety and design of consumer goods a great deal has been achieved, partly through government agencies like the Consumer Council which existed until 1970, and more recently the Office of Fair Trading, and partly through voluntary organizations like the Consumers' Association. And we now have a Minister for Consumer Affairs.

But it is still arguable that consumers have been neglected by successive governments since 1945. After six years of coaxing and urging them to help in the war effort and share in a combined thrust to meet a definable enemy, they were forgotten. At the same time, the party leaders can feel they were let down by the economists and other specialists who guided them, but whose calculators and computers turned out to be scarcely more useful than Alec Douglas-Home's much-abused matchsticks. So the politicians promised the consumer the goods in all kinds of ways, and they were not delivered. So the consumer did what any customer does in the circumstances—changed the shop. This happened again in 1951, 1964, 1970 and 1974, and will probably do so again at the next election unless some effort is made to involve the consumer in national policies to a far greater extent.

For consumers have not been represented in the bargaining which goes on between the Government and the various economic pressure groups. The two main groupings, employers (through the CBI) and the trade unions (the TUC) have been primarily responsible for *this, for the work of the con*sumer activists attracted no support from either side, and so no overall consumer movement emerged during the 1960s to spearhead this interest.

Governments have paid lip-service to consumer interests where there is a state monopoly. You can put your complaint to one of a number of consumer councils—the Airline Users Committee, the Post Office Users' National Council, the National Gas Consumers' Council, the Central Transport Consultative Committee, the Domestic Coal Consumers Council, the London Transport Passengers Committee, and so on. But these councils are in no way inter-related, and their terms of reference are strictly limited. For example, the Domestic Coal Consumers' Council is not able to take up complaints about the price of quality coal. And so far as electricity is concerned, there are regional councils but no national body.

A wider interpretation of the consumer interest has been recognized by the present government in the setting up of the National Consumer Council. Its first chairman, Michael Young, sees his council's role as speaking on behalf of the inarticulate and the disadvantaged, and he is personally committed to pursuing the consumer interest in relation to state industries, and the public services, such as the National Health Service.

In the long term, the NCC could become the kind of distinctive consumer voice I am talking about, which is consumer representation or a say in national economic policies.

It is here that a consumers' contract could play a vital, if limited, role. But u psychologically it ne understood. The socia is a classic example c to succeed; there wa nition of purpose, no and it is only in the l when even the mo union leader cannot inflationary effects of cessive wage claims, contract has begun t a few supporters—toc too disheartening. Su there has been no m of the impact of the tract, though NOP M search Limited con survey earlier this ye provides no comfort responsible for the s tract's public relations per cent of the sampl even to have heard of contract, only 27 per c actually offer any in about its content, ap 9 per cent knew that pay increases to the r cost of living. The wi cations of the contra seem to have made a as at all.

Any meaningful so tract must include the interest, and this could most effectively by dr consumer into all the c bodies which decide ho ces are to be alloca would have other l effects for society. Toffler points out in *Spasm Report* (to be later this month), a pe examination of the way conventional economic tributing to, rather t venting, the breakdow society.

"The more centralized and expert-dominated *ning process becomes*, ther it moves away local, the less public tion there is in it, the more efficacious it The industrial mentali that efficiency com centralization of powe ing the ever-increasing information in the sys especially the need for feedback so that poor p continually be correcte errors mushroom into That vital negative can only come from a ted, informed and public."

In the British cont means that it is not simply to give the co in the guise of Michael a seat on the NEDC, larly *when he seems so* to have understood. a Toffler has understo critical value of orga consumer movement to this objective. Inst posturing like yet Shadow Chancellor Exchequer with a redist budget, Michael Young be urging that the gas, city and other consum cils should get a seat negotiating table in dustries they represent.

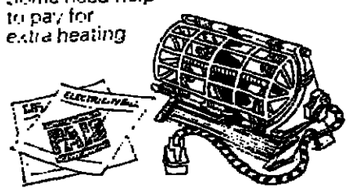
Setting up such a mec will take time. Meanwh responsibility for guard consumers' interest lie the Government. The round" In the next months will be critical. Government must act *ensure the consumer int* the social contract is sented in all major nego by an independent bo official referee, whose would be to spell ou effects for each of us of price and wage increas to relate all demands t other so the total eff known. The need for pl in our society is inesc But what is absolutely after 18 months experie the social contract is tha a few honourable exce management and the unions, simply can't or deliver the goods to nation.

The author is Labour M Basildon.

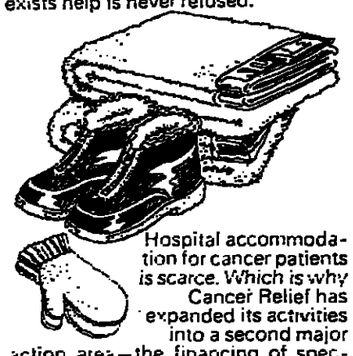
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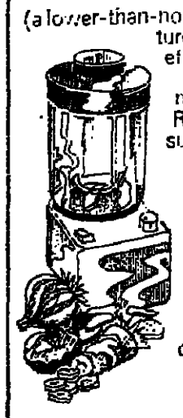
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The Times Diary

At least nobody spilled the fruit

In yesterday's Diary I was complaining that I could not recognize any poets and on Monday night I discovered the same disability in respect of captains of industry and commerce. When I arrived at the Dorchester for a dinner given by the Manufacturers Hanover Corporation, there was hardly a face I could identify positively.

The corporation—a large United States banking group—was holding its annual directors' meeting in London, flying all 23 directors across the Atlantic. For an unclear reason, Prince Philip was the principal speaker.

At dinner, all reporters below the rank of editor were ushered to a table distant from *the top one. Some were Diary* writers and the others financial correspondents.

Talking to financial correspondents can be unnerving. We discussed the likely ingredients of the pretty orange drink, decorated with fruit and a flower or two, in a jug on the table. I said it looked like Tizer, which provoked an impassioned discussion about which large brewing group had now bought out that evocative drink.

These are tough times for those who write about financial affairs, according to one of them from *The Guardian*. "It's when companies make their annual reports and a lot of them give expensive lunches in the City or at the Savoy. All of us could go to one every day if we wanted."

I could see how painful this must be for a representative of a radical newspaper, but *The Guardian* man had novel ways of *making his protest*. "I caused a terrible flap at Hill, Samuels", he boasted. "I was passing somebody the fruit bowl and spilled fruit all over the table and on people's laps. Sir Kenneth Keith didn't look amused." I cast a worried glance at the fruit drink, but on this occasion he offered no violence to it.

Then the speeches. Gabriel Hauge, chairman of the board *and our host, waxed eloquent.* "It's written, and I think well written, that the evening crowns the day", he told us.

Prince Philip responded with a few decent jokes, but said he was not allowed to reveal the real reason for his presence.

Eliot Richardson, the United States Ambassador, had some comforting and discomforting things to tell us. Though it was restful for bankers to come to a place where inflation was higher than in America, they should also note that unemployment was lower.

Hauge told the two main guests: "You have made it, as we say in a song at home, an enchanted evening." Before I left I took a discreet sip at the orange drink on the table. It *was* Tizer.

Sail away

The colourful set of sailing stamps issued last week by the Post Office have disappeared into the blue like the Mary Celeste. Unless they were early in the queue, stamp collectors may be unable to obtain sets or presentation packs except at prohibitive prices.

There have been painful scenes at post office philatelic bureaux—including Trafalgar Square in London, where collectors and tourists formed long queues, only to be told the stamps were unavailable just a few days after issue.

The sailing stamps hit the rocks of an industrial dispute at the printers, Harrison's. In addition, a new printing process involving both recess and photogravure caused a slow assembly line.

So post offices were issued with only 39 per cent of their normal quota of pictorial postage stamp sets, although the philatelic services received their full issue—which suggests a certain amount of piratical plunder by speculators. The way of beating such activity would be for the Post Office to reprint the set, unusual with special issues. The Post Office is "looking at the situation."

Still boring

The last time that the poet George Barker figured in this column was when he declared in *The Listener* two years ago that his work was boring, and that his poems would have been better written by John Milton. His fans protested but his views remain unchanged, though that did not stop him inflicting a 20-minute reading on a lunchtime audience of 20 at the Arts Council shop off Piccadilly yesterday.

"Most of my work is terribly boring", he said, adding that his best work was done when he was 17. He is now 62.

Book buyers do not appear to share Barker's evaluation of his work. He is *one of the few* British poets whose work sells in any quantity, although it is not in the best-selling class of Spender or Philip Larkin. Nor was his audience yesterday as large as the 93 who hung from the lampshades of the small back room to hear P. J. Kavanagh last year. But Kavanagh did have a television series running at the time, and is not in the habit of saying his work is awful.



Rubbing

An unusual activity was introduced yesterday near the massage parlour section of Piccadilly. It is a centre for brass rubbing in the crypt at St James's church.

Visitors to the only Wren church in London's West End will be able to inspect rubbings of some of the most famous brasses in the country throughout the summer and, more interestingly, make rubbings from facsimiles for a fee. The centre is run b Historical Reproduction which makes the replica which has pioneered bras brings centres at Oxford, B Stratford-upon-Avon and tenham.

The idea of rubbing replicas might seem a si our plastic times, but it i sible because many brasse in danger of being r quite away.

Andrew Dodwell, a me of the group, said yeste "We don't really expect competition from other t tainments in Piccadilly. I virtuous rather than a operation. Brass rubbin growing in popularity. It's s thing which the normally artistic can apply themsely and come away with somet rather beautiful."

Old cards

Peter Speechley, a Lo artist, paid £620 yesterday the privilege of owning slig over 200 old postcards. collection made the top l at the first auction devotec clusively to postcards Phillips, the Bond St auctioneers.

Speechley paid another for a second lot of 15 ca but they were not views Southend pier. Both lots v unusual collections of turn the-century Art Nouveau w by such artists as Kirchner Mucha.

Unlike the foreign exotica Art Nouveau, our own Dor McGill, pioneer of the sea comics, could only muster a 40p per card. Pin-ups w much in demand, with a col tion of 75 saucy Edward beauties going for £40, and more recent ser of 300—incl ing Jean Harlow and Gin Rogers for £52.

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POLITICAL SIGNPOST FOR ITALY

ears ago Signor Giorgio se of Italy's most widely d political commentators, book about the Italian system called *Il Bipartimperfetto*—the imperfect y system. The imperfecreferred to lay not so in the fact that Italy has more than two parin the fact that the two arties which dominate politics do not alternate er, as in the classic twoystem of the British type: one of them, the Com- Party, is always in *ion and the other*, Chris- Democracy, is always in

s not very good for any o be in power continuously irty years. Membership of idually ceases to be the sion of any kind of politi- al and becomes more and a straightforward quest for privilege and perks. Its s become increasingly bed in internal faction and less and less capable ponding to any demand for e, or even of taking such and seriously in their inner s (though they may accord ne verbal recognition). is bad for any country to be ned by a party in that con- n, and especially bad for a try like Italy which during eriod in question has under- sweeping economic and al changes. Such changes te a need for new or expan- social services, for coherent agement of the economy at a onal level, often for a new l and institutional framework. se the Italian political system run by the Christian Demots has been largely unable to vide, and for lack of them the ntry has suffered increasingly m various kinds of social and tional contradictions and imances, and in recent years m an almost total inability of state to provide even the nimum services which the pubexpect from it. Violence and kidnapping, whether political or not, have become everyday occurrences in almost every Italian town of any size. The police and the judicature, many of whose senior officials began their careers under fascism, have often seemed reluctant to bring criminals to justice, especially when they were known to be supporters of the extreme right. The Mafia reigns almost unchecked, not only in its native Sicily but in many of the northern towns to which Sicilian workers have emigrated. It is some years now since the left-wing Sicilian writer Leonardo Sciascia remarked sardonically, "L'Italia si sicilianizza"—meaning not just that Italy was being taken over by Sicilians (which was only partially true) but that Italy as a whole was being infected by a certain Sicilian outlook—the outlook of a backward, neglected society in which graft and intimidation can obtain the rewards denied to honest effort.

The Christian Democrats have not been wholly unaware of the dangers inherent in their position. In the early sixties they carefully wooed the Socialist Party (until then aligned with the Communists) into an alliance which they hoped would revive their own reforming zeal. This "Centre-Left" formula was in principle a good one. But the actual reforms it achieved were few, and painfully slow in coming, often gradually emasculated (to use an appropriately painful metaphor) in the course of their passage through Parliament, and sometimes only finally passed as the result of extra-parliamentary pressure from the trade unions. The Socialist Party disappointed its supporters by the eagerness with which it leapt on to the gravy train, and the mess which some of its leaders made while splashing the gravy about. It was also too small to have a decisive influence on the Government's policies, and deeply divided within itself about the advisability of being in the Government at all. For the last year it has adopted the compromise solution of voting for the Government without belonging to it, and publicly criticizing the Christian Democrats as much as possible. It has been rewarded with a small increase in its vote, but remains too weak to have a decisive influence. The main effect of its attitude has apparently been to encourage people to vote for the only real alternative in sight, namely the Communists.

Even after Sunday's vote, Communists and Socialists together are still not a majority of the electorate. For the time being at least, as *La Stampa* pointed out yesterday, the Centre-Left remains the only workable majority. And since Sunday's election was a regional and local one there is no reason why Signor Moro's government of Christian Democrats and Republicans, weak as it is, should not remain in office. The present Parliament, barring unforeseen crises, has another two years' life ahead of it. But unless within those two years some miracle has shaken the Christian Democrat Party from its paralysis (a paralysis so acute that the Government was not even able to agree on the name of a new Italian ambassador to Lisbon, with the result that Italy has had no ambassador there through most of the Portuguese revolution), the next general election seems likely to see another Communist advance which this time would make the Communists Italy's largest party. Whatever foreigners may think, Italians are no longer frightened by their home-grown Communists, whose condemnation of Senhor Cunhal's behaviour in Portugal evidently carries conviction. By their vote on Sunday the electors may be said to have served notice that they will not flinch from propelling the Communists into power if the Christian Democrats are unable or unwilling to change their spots.

OCIAL DEMOCRACY ORGANIZES ITSELF

e Social Democratic Alliance, ich was officially launched in ndon yesterday, has set itself sk of great importance. It is counter the influence of the within the Labour Party outside Parliament. That is what the nifesto Group is doing in the rliamentary Labour Party with fair measure of success up to w and with the hope of more come. In bringing Labour Ps of the right and centre gether it has given them a eater confidence and coherce so that together they can ing a greater weight to bear an could ever be done by them dividually. Even though they e not organized so tightly as e Tribune Group the Manifesto Ps are becoming an effective nterweight to the Tribunites. But this is not a battle that can e fought solely within Parliatent. If it is, individual MPs of oderate views are always liable b find themselves disowned by xtremist caucuses in their contituencies, hardliners in the rade unions may make a sense f responsibility in the parliamentary party seem almost irrelevant, and left-wing views may continue to dominate the party conference and the National Executive Committee. To a greater extent than in the other parties, power in the Labour movement resides outside Parliament. This is less true when the party is in office but it is nonetheless a fact of political life which must be taken into account, so that to be effective any struggle within the party needs to be waged on all these fronts.

That is what the Social Democratic Alliance needs to do. It has not been set up or apparently even instigated by the Manifesto Group. But the two will inevitably complement each other and the success of the one is bound to be influenced significantly by the success of the other. This does not mean that they need to combine in a joint operation formulating a united policy. Experience has shown that pressure groups of this sort can contribute valuably to the dialogue which sets the conditions for a realistic policy and can give powerful support to such a policy. But they are generally not well equipped to create it. The lead needs to come from the Government.

The Campaign for Democratic Socialism obtained its success in support of Hugh Gaitskell's policies. The referendum triumph of the Europeans was achieved in support of the Government's recommendation. If the Government are now prepared to act with resolution in the economic field they are likely to find much wider public backing than the more fainthearted might suppose. The path will be all the easier if the Social Democratic Alliance can counter the influence of the leftwing in the constituencies and the trade unions. So long as MPs are afraid of the power wielded by the extremists in their constituencies they are likely to be that much less courageous at Westminster: some who have joined the Manifesto Group, for example, do not want their membership to be made public. Yet the task is even more urgent in the unions where the strength of the extremists threatens not only to cripple the economy but to hypnotize the Government.

FURKEY TRIES PRESSURE ON CONGRESS

The grumbles and then the growls of protest from the Turkish Government over the United States arms embargo have now turned into a threat. If after thirty days there has been no change in the American position the Americans would be invited to begin talks to consider American installations in Turkey. While the talks continued these bases would be regarded as having a "temporary status". It may be assumed that if the talks were unsuccessful Turkey might then proceed to insist upon an American withdrawal from the bases. Speaking yesterday, Mr Caglayangil, the Foreign Minister, carefully avoided any such precision, but since the decision announced has been described as a countermeasure against the embargo some kind of break must be envisaged.

Two questions may be asked. Is the threat an empty one? Or will it be effective in lifting the American ban, at least in part? To begin with it is hardly a new threat. More than two months ago Mr Demirel, the Turkish Prime Minister, was saying that if there was no change over the denial of military aid Turkey would have to reappraise her relations with the United States. If these were weighty words they have thus far had little effect. The truth is that there is no easy alternative for Turkey. If arms alone matter then some of her Nato allies might be able to assist. But essentially any Turkish break with the Americans that involved the withdrawal of all United States bases in Turkey would imply a new Turkish political alignment. There is no obvious grouping that could serve Turkey's purpose. Least of all does the present government in Ankara look like making a volte-face. Turkey's Nato attachment seems irreplaceable and that involves the Americans even though their military ties with Turkey are bilateral.

The Turkish Government may justifiably have more hope that the threat will be effective. Nato has not concealed its sympathy for Turkey's case. Nor is the American Government anxious to maintain the embargo. President Ford and Dr Kissinger have both spoken sympathetically in Turkey's favour. They have even moved the Senate into line with this attitude. It is the House of Representatives that is adamant, having concluded that Turkey's behaviour in Cyprus could be countered only by a stern mark of displeasure. Last March, only a month after the embargo had become effective, Dr Kissinger was saying that he had "great hopes" for a decision favourable to Turkey. Pressure from the White House has evidently had little response.

Certainly Congress, after its experience over Vietnam, has gained a sense of its own potential in applying curbs to American action overseas. Congress was unmoved for the most part through the last hysterical appeals for action over Indochina. Turkey is much less of an emotional involvement. But the threat will have little effect in Washington unless Turkey for her part shows more understanding of the reasons for the Congress action and is more cooperative in reaching a sensible agreement over Cyprus.

Time for Poulson inquiry

From Mr Alex Gordon

Sir, Your leader of June 9 is welcome. Successive governments have put great pressure upon the architectural profession and on other professions to allow our allegedly old-fashioned standards of conduct to conform more with the conventions of the commercial world.

It must be very much clearer to everybody today why we do not want this to happen.

The observance among architects of the standards of integrity and disinterested professional service enjoined by our code, and which the vast majority honour is a vitally important element in the quality of national life. I hope we will now hear much less about "relaxing" our code of conduct.

The architectural profession has now been called before the Monopolies Commission to justify some of the principles and practices which we consider to be fundamental to the integrity of our work.

The current public concern at allegations of serious and widespread corruption and malpractice at the interface between the public and the private sectors in the handling of the building programmes suggests that we may at last get a more favourable hearing. Whether or not these allegations prove to be well-founded, it is time that the situation was exposed to public examination and discussion.

In June, 1973, I urged that a tribunal of inquiry be set up to ventilate the whole matter. There were reasons why this was inappropriate then, but I welcome the suggestion that it be done now. This could only do a great deal of good and help to reaffirm the standards of public life in this country in which professionalism has traditionally played an important and honourable part.

So long as public mistrust continues unallayed all who are involved in planning and construction are under a cloud—a cloud which only Government initiative can remove. I hope therefore that this initiative will come quickly.

My own views, and I feel sure, those of the Institute, have not changed since then.

Yours faithfully,
ALEX GORDON,
6 Cathedral Road,
Cardiff,
June 11.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Attorney General and Crossman Diaries

From Mr Hugh Fraser, Conservative MP for Stafford and Stone

Sir, I hope that Sir Peter Rawlinson's letter of today (June 17) will not add to the sub-judice prohibition which the Attorney General's injunction could place on parliamentary discussion of his decision to prevent the publication in book form of the Crossman Diaries.

Indeed, far from inhibiting discussion, Sir Peter's letter should bring into prominence not merely the question of collective Cabinet secrecy, but the perhaps equally important topic of the position of the Attorney General and the convenient—and for some, benevolent—fiction that the Attorney is somehow above politics.

Sir Peter says that no Government, no Cabinet can interfere with the Attorney General's constitutional duties. Has he forgotten the Campbell case where the Government insisted on the withdrawal of the prosecution? Has he not read Lord Justice Salmon's report on the Royal Commission on Tribunals of Inquiry where there was a universal recommendation that the Attorney General should cease to appear for political Government? Is he not aware of the quite extraordinary judgments Attorney Generals have reached in official secret actions in the selectivity of prosecution?

Does he not recall your powerful fulmination in the leading article of March 21, 1970, entitled "The Attorney General's discretion", supported by leaders from 10 other major newspapers, including the *Law Journal*, when a journalist, Mr Jonathan Aitken, and an editor were prosecuted (and acquitted) but an MP and a newspaper proprietor were not?. Does he not remember the pressures put on Lord Duncan-Sandys by the Attorney General, Sir Donald Somervell, and the threats of prosecution which Lord Duncan-Sandys revealed to the House in 1938? Need he be reminded of the Clay Cross case which involved the present Attorney?

Whether the law is an ass is debatable, but myth cannot strengthen argument. Neither the Attorney, nor for that matter the Lord Chancellor, whatever the benevolent fiction, are solely officers of the public. Primarily they are servants of political government and throughout history have proved themselves so to be. To suggest otherwise is to believe that once on the Woolsack or in the Royal Courts of Justice, political lawyers achieve an infallible and almost divine schizophrenia. This is pushing public credulity beyond the bounds of reason.

As far as the present Attorney is concerned, his judgment, which permits a newspaper to publish at length the fruitiest excerpts from the Crossman Diaries and then prohibits the publication of the book, is to say the least of it strange. OK for a powerful newspaper, no good for the widow and orphan.

It is not for me to question the present Attorney's condition either of rectitude, or of divine schizophrenia. But simple fact makes his judgment more than erratic. The whole case should now go before the House of Commons before any judgment is taken in chambers.

Yours faithfully,
HUGH FRASER,
House of Commons.
June 17.

From Mr Leon Brucker

Sir, What should the Crossman trustees do now? Publish in the United States. It is true the English publishers—and the rest of the trade—will have no immediate benefit. But American interest in a banned book is bound to be enormous. And ironically the Crossman estate would benefit financially to an extent it would not otherwise have done.

Yours truly,
LEON BRUCKER,
25 Dicey Avenue, NW2.
June 16.

Effects of a wealth tax on art

From Sir Geoffrey Agnew

Sir, Mr Peter Fuller (June 12) is clearly convinced that the eventual nationalization of all works of art would benefit 99 per cent of the population. Since that is what he feels he argues quite logically for a wealth tax on works of art. I very much doubt, however, if even 1 per cent of the population of this country would support his objective.

Yours faithfully,
GEOFFREY AGNEW,
43 Old Bond Street, W.1.

From Mr Anthony Browne and Mr Mark Cardale

Sir, Mr Fuller is naive in suggesting that a wealth tax applied to works of art would affect only the small proportion of taxpayers liable to pay it.

As neither dealers nor collectors but as part of the vast majority of the population enjoying the present accessibility of works of art in this country, may we express our anxiety that a wealth tax will do nothing to increase the availability of works of art to members of the public. The incentive for private owners will be to sell and in the absence of willing United Kingdom purchasers, there is a danger that many works of art, whose owners at present make them available to the public, will go overseas, beyond the reach of Mr Fuller's "99 per cent".

The evidence of the Standing Commission on Museums and Galleries (*The Times*, June 12) indicates that public galleries are sadly ill-equipped to absorb a possible influx of works of art. In an increasingly hostile climate owners and collectors will only grudgingly make their treasures available to the nation. We fear that in consequence works of art will disappear and that the market in them will go underground.

Mr Fuller asserts that the exemption of works of art from a wealth tax would lead to tax avoidance. On the contrary, a redistributive wealth tax of the kind proposed in the Green Paper provides a positive fiscal incentive for the rich to invest in assets capable of producing an income: works of art would be unattractive to speculators since, far from being income-producing, they incur considerable expense to their owners in the form of insurance and conservation costs.

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY BROWNE,
MARK CARDALE,
The Bow Group,
240 High Holborn, WC1.

From Sir Charles Mott-Radclyffe

Sir, I doubt if Mr Peter Fuller (June 12) is as naive as he would have us believe in the last paragraph of his letter in which he suggests that Mr Mahon has exaggerated the problems of valuation of works of art. Of course anyone who wishes to buy or sell a picture can have it "valued" prior to sale. But this is chicken feed compared to the mammoth task of valuing annually all works of art in private ownership where the owner's total assets are in excess of £100,000 (if that is the starting point). Anyone who has had any experience either as executor or trustee, of winding up an estate, knows only too well the interminable delays that take place before any final figure is agreed, even when there are hardly any points of contention.

It is not difficult to imagine the fun and games which would arise if Mr X's assets for the purposes of a wealth tax are, say, £90,000, ie, £10,000 below the starting point; but among his possessions are two family portraits which badly need cleaning, which have never been in the market, and which might be attributed to one of the well-known eighteenth-century portrait painters. They are insured for a mere song, and in any case even if they could be attributed with certainty, the owner could not afford to pay the proper insurance premium. Add to this some Worcester china, including several plates which have been mended, in a glass-fronted cabinet in a dark corner on the top floor of Mr X's house. Multiply this example 50 times over in any two adjacent counties you like to name.

What body of valuers with the necessary knowledge and expertise in pictures, china, books and silver could be found to spend most of their time each year deciding whether the value of Mr X's works of art (and hundreds similarly placed all over the United Kingdom) would put him over the £100,000 barrier and into the wealth tax category?

Yours faithfully,
CHARLES MOTT-RADCLYFFE,
Barningham Hall
Matlaske, Norwich.
June 13.

From Mr Hugh Leggatt

Sir, Mr Peter Fuller in his mischievous letter (June 12) brushes aside as a "supposed problem" the valuation of works of art for a wealth tax and refers to me in this connexion. Since public gallery staff, art dealers and auctioneers all agree on the impossibility of valuations which are accurate, Mr Fuller's doctrinaire advocacy of this tax leads him to claim to be in possession of information and skills denied to those whose day-to-day work is in this field.

Theoretical valuations, as Mr Fuller well knows, vary enormously and frequently bear no relation at all to the price which the object may realize at auction. Would he seriously contend that this is an equitable basis for a tax?

Yours faithfully,
HUGH LEGGATT,
Leggatt Brothers,
30 St James's Street, SW1.
June 12.

From Mr Selby Whittingham

Sir, Congratulations on publishing the admirable letter of Mr Peter Fuller. I am not a socialist, but an art historian, but I think it would be scandalous to let works of art become a tax loophole.

I have been spasmodically connected with one of the deprived galleries on the "black list" which you publish today. It is far less in need of bricks and mortar than of the great works of art immured in private collections. The National Art-Collections Fund's contribution is a drop in the ocean; and 50 per cent of this drop goes to the national museums, which, unlike the provincial ones, contribute nothing to its funds, unless one regards the money put in their collecting boxes as their money.

Yours faithfully,
SELBY WHITTINGHAM,
153 Cromwell Road, SW5.
June 12.

Developing countries

From Mr Robert Wood

Sir, For the second time in five years the Ministry of Overseas Development has lost its independent status and become part of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. There are arguments for and against this. In any case, the formal status of ministries is much less important than the attitude which the government as a whole adopts towards developing countries, and it is therefore good news that the Minister is in the Cabinet. This chopping and changing can hardly be beneficial, however, and there must be concern at the apparent haste with which the latest move was decided.

During the past year and a half, MOD has gone through one of its most creative and successful periods. A recent and welcome expression of this was the announcement on June 12 that future aid commitments to the poorest developing countries would be in grant form.

One bonus which may flow from incorporation in the FCO may be a stronger perception in the government of our long-term interest in the fate of developing countries. An essential, however, is that there should be no weakening in MOD's voice as an advocate within the government of developmental and humanitarian interests.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT WOOD, Director,
Overseas Development Institute Ltd,
10-11 Percy Street, W.1.
June 13.

Electoral reform: party realignment

From Dr Michael Watts

Sir, It is surprising that a historian of the distinction of Professor Agnes Headlam-Morley should express the view (June 11) that the multiplicity of parties in the Reichstag of the Weimar Republic was a consequence of the use of the party list system of proportional representation.

If Professor Headlam-Morley took the trouble to compare the composition of the Reichstag of the Weimar Republic with that of the Reichstag of Imperial Germany, whose members were elected in single member constituencies, she would find that the multiplicity of parties in the Germany of the 1920s was in fact a continuation of one of the features of pre-war German politics. She might then conclude that the party divisions of both Imperial and Weimar Germany had a similar origin—in the religious, geographic, social and economic divisions of a recently united country.

As for the supposed relationship between the Weimar Republic's electoral system and the rise of Hitler, it is a least arguable that without proportional representation the Nazis, once they had become the largest party in the Reichstag, would have come to power more easily and more swiftly than in fact they did.

Similarly Professor Balfour, while rightly pointing to the similarity between the electoral system of the Weimar Republic and that of the notably successful Federal German Republic, is probably wrong to place much emphasis on the constitutional provision of the Federal Republic whereby no party can win representation in the Bundestag without securing five per cent of the total votes. Such a provision would have done little to alter the composition of the Reichstag of the Weimar Republic which even after the election of December 1924, which issued in the Republic's most stable phase, contained six parties which each had polled well over five per cent of the votes cast. The contrast in the fortunes of the Weimar Republic and the Federal Republic is, of course, to be explained not by the constitutional provisions of the latter but by the changed political and economic context in which the German parties function.

As other of your correspondents have pointed out, the form of proportional representation known as the Single Transferable Vote is much to be preferred to the German system by virtue of the greater choice and discrimination which it allows to the voter. And the case against STV, and in favour of our present essentially unrepresentative and therefore undemocratic electoral system, is hardly strengthened by the false lessons which Professor Headlam-Morley seeks to draw from the history of the Weimar Republic.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL WATTS,
The Glade,
Skithorne Rise,
Lowdham, Nottingham.

From Mr J. O. Blair-Cunynghame

Sir, Lord Alport's letter, published on June 14, under the headline—Need for a fundamental realignment of political parties—will strike a generally responsive chord in the minds of many. He underlines the far reaching revolution which we are currently experiencing in our international relationships in our political thinking and, above all, perhaps, in our economic and social policies and mechanisms.

In the face of this momentous process of movement he rightly draws attention to the unchanged face of Parliament itself and the traditional alignments, postures and slogans of the major parties. To start to put things right he urges a new flexibility of political alignment in our party system and a more effective representation in Parliament of the great mass of moderate opinion throughout the country.

I believe that Lord Alport is right and is expressing views which will command a large measure of support and which will, in time, provide the only sensible means of allowing our society, with all its precious values, to continue to move forward over the years to come. Many of us feel, however, that there must be more immediate action as well, not only to arrest the present career towards economic and social disaster but also to preserve such features of our present political system which are essential to enable Lord Alport's strategy to take effect.

Responsible leadership in the Opposition and in the Liberal and other parties in Parliament should here and now give notice that they will support such practical measures as are put forward by the Government to deal with inflation, provided that these are not directly at variance with the policy of the party concerned. The need for such measures is now critically urgent, the likelihood of a large area of agreement upon them by the majority of MPs from all the political parties and of their followers throughout the country is overwhelming. Moreover by such a process the best practical steps would be taken to prepare the necessary fertile ground for the growth and ripening of the longer term harvest of political realignment and changes in the effective representation in Parliament which, as Lord Alport suggests, must surely come.

There comes a time when tackling practical issues is both simpler and less likely to cause deep differences of view than hypothetical disputation.

I am, etc,
J. O. BLAIR-CUNYNGHAME,
Chairman,
National and Commercial Banking Group Limited,
36 St Andrew Square,
Edinburgh.
June 16.

From Mr Denis Christian

Sir, Lord Alport's positive and cogent assessment of the need for realignment of political parties (June 14) is the intelligent contribution one would expect from an ex-Member for this constituency!

One might argue (I fear) that "the evidence of the referendum campaign that an expensive organization is not needed to produce a decisive electoral result" is an over simplification inasmuch as we are not comparing like with like. However, Lord Alport's lack of equivocation is in marked contrast to the tortuous reasoning of some academics, concerned primarily with negation. Our present electoral system is potentially the most dangerous threat to democracy today — our representatives must act immediately in this matter.

Yours faithfully,
DENIS CHRISTIAN,
Prospective Liberal Party Candidate
Colchester,
Liberal Club,
Headgate,
Colchester.
June 15.

From Mr D. P. Jeffcock

Sir, Lord Alport is right. The real political battle is between the Marxists and the genuine democracy which most of us accept as a birthright. The referendum provides the opportunity to build on a latent unity. The time for viewing militant left-wingers in the comfort of home is over.

Many similarities exist between our age and that of the Tudors. The *via media anglicana* must become another.

Yours truly,
DAVID JEFFCOCK,
71 Cambridge Street,
Pimlico, SW1.
June 16.

Industry Bill committee

From Mr Tim Renton, Conservative MP for Mid-Sussex

Sir, To the complaint of Stephen Ross, MP, and Nick Budgen, MP, that the Standing Committee on the Community Land Bill is a charade, may I add the comment that the last day of the Committee on the Industry Bill was a farce, worthy of the Whitehall Theatre but degrading to Parliament.

The Left Wing marched out and, having received assurances about the Bill of which the Committee was not informed, marched back in again.

Of the three Ministers who were with the Bill when it started, only Mr Meacher, MP, remained. The Opposition was urged to discuss a host of remaining amendments and new clauses with him, yet it was common knowledge that he was due to be translated to another Ministry and, within minutes of the Committee ending, this was officially announced.

The business of a Standing Committee is to examine legislation constructively and in depth. A Government needs its majority in order to stop wrecking amendments; but the prime task of a committee must be to work together to improve the detail of legislation, the broad principles of which have been sanctioned by a House of Commons majority.

The Industry Bill Committee toiled for a hundred hours to achieve that purpose. It ended in disarray. Many of us must feel that we were simply part of a time-wasting process, performing our ritual dances whilst the Prime Minister pondered behind our backs on what concessions to offer the TUC, the CBI or the Tribune Group.

Yours faithfully,
TIM RENTON,
House of Commons.

The Commons on radio

From Mr Christopher Knox

Sir, The flood of criticism of House of Commons procedure that has followed the first few radio programmes has been inevitable. In my view, however, the fault lies in the decision to broadcast the proceedings of an institution which is fundamentally unsuited to such treatment.

Parliamentary procedures and traditions, with their mixture of formal courtesy and the cut-and-thrust of debate, have been developed over the centuries. They can be understood by relatively few people; MPs and students of politics in particular. To the layman, the noise, amplified by microphones picking up every aside, seems childish and undignified. This is a false picture of the House; the Commons is widely admired throughout the world for the way it conducts its business.

Parliament cannot be expected radically to alter its procedures to suit the mass media, for its work is too specialized for that. Let it be admitted that the broadcasts have not succeeded: they should be abandoned after the experiment is over. Those who wish to listen to the proceedings can always apply for admission to the Strangers' Gallery.

Yours faithfully,
C. KNOX,
Flints, Ovingdean Road,
Brighton.
June 13.

Cambridge protest

From Mrs Margaret Tipping

Sir, Should not the intellectual elite of the country set standards of responsibility that others might follow and eschew parenthood until they are able to assume its duties fully?

Our young children—bright hopes for the future—deserve better than part-time parents.

Yours faithfully,
MARGARET TIPPING,
28 School Crescent,
Lydney,
Gloucestershire,
June 12.

Root of inflation?

From Mrs P. J. Hirst

Sir, Overheard in the local greengrocers "Dammit, I will have one." A peach—an avocado perhaps? No! the customer was talking of a carrot, and at 20 pence per pound I'm not surprised.

Sincerely,
MARGARET HIRST.
3 The Close,
Halton, Buckinghamshire,
June 11.

COURT CIRCULAR

WINDSOR CASTLE

June 17: The Queen, with The Duke of Edinburgh, honoured Ascot Races with Her presence today.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips arrived at Carlisle Railway Station this morning and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the County of Cumbria (Mr J. C. Wade) and the Mayor of Carlisle (Councillor T. M. Bisland).

Her Royal Highness drove to the Cumberland Infirmary, was received by the Chairman, Northern Regional Health Authority (Colonel Sir William Lee) declared open the new building representing Scheme 1 of the Development of the Cumberland Infirmary and unveiled a commemorative plaque.

This afternoon, The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips arrived at Morpeth Railway Station and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the County of Northumberland (the Duke of Northumberland).

Her Royal Highness drove to the Town Hall, was received by the Mayor of the Borough of Castle Morpeth (Councillor G. Brown) and subsequently, on behalf of The Queen, presented the new Charter and Grant of Arms to the Castle Morpeth Borough Council.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips later left by Royal Train for Edinburgh and, having been received upon arrival at Waverley Railway Station by the Right Hon the Lord Provost of the City of Edinburgh District (Mr John Millar) drove to the Palace of Holyroodhouse.

Miss Rowena Brassey was in attendance.

By command of The Queen, the Lord Winterbottom (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London, this morning upon the arrival of The Governor-General of Mauritius and welcomed His Excellency on behalf of Her Majesty.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE

June 17: The Duke of Kent, as President, and The Duchess of Kent today named the new Life-Boats at Plymouth and Torbay for the Royal National Life-Boat Institution.

Their Royal Highnesses, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, were attended by Lieutenant-Commander Richard Buckley, RN, and Miss Jane Pugh.

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will attend a service of installation of the Knights of the Thistle in St Giles' Cathedral, Edinburgh, on July 7.

The Duke of Edinburgh, as President of the Council for National Academic Awards, will visit the Dunfermline College of Physical Education, Edinburgh, and present degrees at the graduation ceremony on July 3.

Horace Walpole's Saint-Porchaire ewer fetches £44,000

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

The Saint-Porchaire ewer that embellished the mantelpiece of Horace Walpole's "China room" at Strawberry Hill was sold at Sotheby's yesterday for £44,000. It was bought by Zietz, a German dealer from Hanover. Saint-Porchaire faience was made for only a few years in the second quarter of the sixteenth century and only 60 pieces have survived. It combines elaborate Mannerist modelling with patterns of coloured clay inlay; Walpole's catalogue described the ewer as a "fine fayence design by Giulio Romano" and indeed the factory must have been strongly influenced by Roman designers.

The ewer was included in a sale of fine Continental porcelain but the serious bidding was between dealers in Renaissance works of art. Interest was intense, and there were three people in the bidding almost to the end. The ewer, which stands 34cm high and is surmounted by a female torso, is one of the grandest examples of the factory to survive. The price is an auction record for French faience.

Prices for Continental porcelain were also outstandingly high. A pair of Meissen bottles with a rare pale blue ground, known as "Seladon" and decorative panels of Kakiemon inspiration made £20,000 (estimate £6,000 to £10,000) They date from about 1730 and have the Johanneum mark, which indicates that they were made for the Dresden royal collection. They were sold by Parke Bernet in New York in 1972 for $28,000 (about £10,000).

The surprise of the sale was a Meissen porcelain chess set of about 1745 which was sold for £7,000 against an estimate of £600 to £800. Two determined bidders, presumably collectors of chess sets, fought for possession, running the price about 10 times above expectations.

French porcelain brought much stronger prices than in recent sales; a single Sèvres teabowl and saucer of about 1773 with bird-and-flower decoration against a ground of green-and-white triangles made £400 (estimate £150 to £250).

Sotheby's held the second session of the sale of Arpad Plesch's botanical library; the two sessions have covered the letters A to G and made £205,102. The top price yesterday was £21,000 (estimate £12,000 to £15,000) for Duhamel du Monceau's *Traité des Arbres et Arbustes*; the seven-volume work has 462 plates by Redouté.

The last two pieces of the great William Goodwin Renwick collection of antique firearms were also sold by Sotheby's. A pair of holster pistols made by Pierre Bergier of Grenoble for Louis, Dauphin of France, later Louis XIV, were sold over a transatlantic telephone link to H. Ratner at £26,000 (estimate £25,000 plus).

Christie's yesterday held their big summer sale of English watercolours: A Bonington watercolour view of "Le Pont Royal, Paris" made £11,550 (estimate £4,000 to £6,000); the price matches the auction record for the artist established at Christie's in 1973.

Today's engagements

Princess Anne visits Royal Highland and Agricultural Society of Scotland show, Ingliston, near Edinburgh, 11.

George III: Collector and Patron, Queen's Gallery, Buckingham Palace, 11-5.

Exhibition: History of the picture postcard, exhibits from Emily Lowe Gallery, United States, Photographers' Gallery, 8 Great Newport Street, 11-7.

Antiquarian Book Fair: Europa Hotel, 11-8.

Antiques Fair: Grosvenor House, 11-7.30.

Organ recital: Peter Chase, Westminster Cathedral, 8.

Christening

The infant son of Mr and Mrs Gerald Cadugan was christened Leo by Father Menas Kokkinides at the Church of Ayia Sophia, Knossos, on Sunday, June 8. The godparents are Mr Costa Carras, Viscount Furneaux, Miss Sara Paton, Mr Walter Ramberg, Lady Riddell and Mrs Mallory Walker.

Birthdays today

Lord Broughshane, 72; Sir John Buchanan, 79; Mr Ian Carmichael, 55; Professor G. M. Carstairs, 59; Lord Chesham, 59; Sir Brian Marwick, 67; Mr Llewellyn Rees, 74; Sir Henry Richardson, 86; Colonel Sir Thomas Roberts, 77; Miss Marjorie Westbury, 70; Sir John Wrightson, 64.

University news

Wales

Appointments

Readers: Dr S. Anglo, senior lecturer, history of ideas, Swansea; Dr T. W. Bloxam and V. G. Walmsley, senior lecturers, department of geology and oceanography, Swansea; R. C. Jones, senior lecturer, department of politics, Cardiff. The Rev C. G. Williams senior lecturer, religious studies, Aberystwyth.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr A. J. Cary and the Hon Clare Elworthy

The engagement is announced between Anthony, son of Sir Michael and Lady Cary, of Huntswood House, Harpsden, Henley-on-Thames, and Clare, daughter of Marshal of the Royal Air Force Lord Elworthy and Lady Elworthy, of Norman Tower, Windsor Castle.

Mr R. N. Barder and Miss W. I. Munday

The engagement is announced between Roger, second son of Mr and Mrs S. H. L. Barder, of Odiham, Hampshire, and Wendy, second daughter of Mr and Mrs C. B. Munday, of Farnham, Surrey.

Mr R. J. Blunt and Miss S. M. Gregory

The engagement is announced between Richard Blunt, FRCS, elder son of Mr and Mrs W. H. Blunt, 47 Seven Star Road, Solihull, and Susan, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. P. Gregory, Moorgreen Hall, Weatheroak, Worcestershire.

Mr P. Maxwell-Brown and Miss M. P. Parfect

The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs Kenneth Maxwell-Brown, of Prenton, Cheshire, and Penelope, daughter of Major and Mrs John Parfect, of Husthwaite, York.

Mr W. W. Wilson and Miss M. G. de Bunsen

The engagement is announced between William, son of Mr and Mrs Eric Wilson, of Rigmaden, Kirkby Lonsdale, Cumbria, and Margaret, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Ronald de Bunsen, of Burgess Farm, Upshire, Waltham Abbey, Essex.

Mr P. R. C. Cook and Miss K. M. Leman

The engagement is announced between Philip, third son of the late Cyril Cannon Cook and Mrs Jocelyne Cook, of 49 Murray Road, SW19, and Katharine, daughter of Mr and Mrs G. A. Leman, Silver Hill, The Fairway, Camberley.

Captain C. E. Good and Miss M. M. Brewis

The engagement is announced between Christopher Ehret, son of Brigadier and Mrs Derek Good, of Catterick, Yorkshire, and Monica Brewis, of 17 Peel Street, London, W8, daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs H. Errington Brewis, of Port Erin, Isle of Man.

Mr D. G. L. Marx and Miss J. Dickie

The engagement is announced between David George Locke Marx, younger son of the late Captain G. F. L. Marx, OBE, RN, and Mrs Marx, of Longwood, Bishop's Waltham, Hampshire, and Jill, only daughter of Mr and Mrs B. W. Dickie, of Whitehills, Inchture, Perthshire.

Mr R. P. C. Ridgway and Miss H. J. Yule

The engagement is announced between Richard Peter Coats, son of the late Mr Richard Ridgway and of Mrs Ridgway, of Fauvic, Jersey, and Harriet Jane, daughter of Major and Mrs Ralph Yule, of Brampton Bryan, Bucknell, Shropshire.

Mr W. N. V. Weller and Miss B. A. Gibson

The engagement is announced between Nigel, only son of the late Mr W. D. R. Weller and Mrs D. J. T. Weller, of Winchester, Hampshire, and Barbara, daughter of the late Mr M. J. Gibson and Mrs A. R. Gibson, of Cleveland, Yorkshire.



The first in a series of Jersey seabird stamps, which are to be issued on July 28. They show a common tern, storm petrel, brent goose and shag.

Marriages

Sir Simon Dunning and Mrs F. Corbally Stourton

The marriage took place quietly yesterday between Sir Simon Dunning, of Low Auchengillan, Blanefield, by Glasgow, son of the late Sir William Dunning and of Kathleen Lady Dunning, and Mrs Frances Corbally Stourton, daughter of Major and Mrs Patrick Lancaster.

Mr D. S. Blacklaw and Miss J. M. Webster

The marriage took place on Friday, June 13, at Holy Trinity Church, Hereford, of Mr Derek Scott Blacklaw, younger son of Mrs G. Blacklaw and of the late Mr K. H. S. Blacklaw, of Penn, Buckinghamshire, and Miss Judithe Munthe Webster, eldest daughter of the Rev Prebendary G. R. M. and Mrs Webster, of Hereford.

Captain C. L. G. Dixon-Brown, RM, and Miss S. F. E. Steen

The marriage took place on May 24 in Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, of Captain Lewis Dixon-Brown, RM (Retd), of 18 Egerton Gardens, SW3, son of the late Brigadier C. T. Brown, RM, and the late Mrs Brown, and Miss Sally Steen, daughter of Professor and Mrs Robert Elsworth Steen, of Mountsandel, Carrickmines, co Dublin. The Very Rev T. N. D. C. Salmon, Dean of Christ Church, officiated, assisted by the Rev W. Rooke. The Archbishop of Dublin, the Most Rev Alan Buchanan, gave an address.

The bride was attended by Lady Kirstie Graham, Miss Susan Dobbs and Miss Susan Pritchett. Captain Peter Loyd, RM (Retd), was best man.

A reception was held at Mountsandel, the home of the bride.

Mr C. J. Miers and Miss S. M. Blades

The marriage took place on Saturday, June 14, at the Priory Church of St Laurence, Blackmore, of Mr Colin Jeffrey Miers, younger son of Major and Mrs N. Miers, of Theydon Bois, and Miss Susan Mary Blades, only daughter of Mr and Mrs G. Blades, of Norton Heath. The Rev Montague H. Knott officiated, assisted by Canon W. Kenneth Boddy, the bridegroom's uncle. The bride who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Diana Furness. Mr Richard N. Miers was best man.

Receptions

Royal College of Psychiatrists

The Lord Mayor was host at a reception held at the Mansion House yesterday to launch an appeal on behalf of the Royal College of Psychiatrists. The guests, who were addressed by the Lord Mayor, Sir Martin Roth and Lord Goodman, included:

The Lord Chancellor and Lady Elwyn-Jones, the Belgian Ambassador, the French Ambassador and Mme de Beaumarchais, the Swedish Ambassador and Mrs Jödahl, the Duke of Devonshire, the Dowager Duchess of Hamilton, Lord and Lady Richard Percy, the Earl and Countess of Selkirk, the Countess of London.

Viscount and Viscountess Cowdray, the Dowager Viscountess Monckton of Brenchley, Viscount De L'Isle, VC, and Viscountess De L'Isle, Lord Auckland, Lord and Lady Grenfell, Lord and Lady Gainford, Lord and Lady Greenhill, Lord and Lady Gibson, Lady Melchett, Lord and Lady Platt, Lord and Lady Scarman, Lord and Lady St Just, Mr Jeremy Thorpe MP, and Mrs Thorpe, Sir Roger and Lady Ormrod, the Hon Mark and Mrs Bonham Carter, the Hon Vere and Mrs Harmsworth, Sir Robert Hobart, Sir Paul and Lady Mallinson, Sir John and Lady Riddell, Sir John and Lady Woolf, Sir Jules and Lady Thorn, Lady Stevens, Sir Edwin and Lady McAlpine, Sir John and Lady Burgess, Sir Billy Butlin, Sir Richard and Lady Doll, Sir Joseph Lockwood, Sir Emile and Lady Littler, the Sheriffs and their ladies, Mr and Mrs Denis Hamilton, Mr and Mrs James Coltart, Mr and Mrs W. O. Campbell Adamson, Mr Norman Fowler, MP, Mr and Mrs D. C. Buchanan, Mr and Mrs J. Edward Sieff, Mr and Mrs David Astor, Professor Kenneth Rawnsley, and Professor and Mrs W. Linford Rees.

Mrs J. Nathan

Mr and Mrs John Nathan, of Aldersmead House, Petworth Road, Haslemere, Surrey, gave a reception on Monday, June 16, at the Carlton Tower hotel, in honour of M and Mme Charles Heidsieck and Dr and Mme Henri Maes. Among the other guests were:

The French Ambassador, M Jacques de Beaumarchais, the Ambassador for the Republic of Afghanistan, Mr and Mrs Yussuf Samad (Afghanistan Embassy), Lady Stanley of Alderley, Rear-Admiral Sir Anthony Miers, VC, and Lady Miers, Rear-Admiral Godfrey Place, VC, and Mrs Place, Air Commodore Ferdinand West, VC, and Mrs West, Colonel and Mrs Maurice Buckmaster, Mr Gordon Reece, M and Mme Max Bluet, M and Mme André Charise, Sir Robert Mills, Brigadier and Mrs Michael White, Mr and Mrs Louis Wulff, Mr and Mrs Brian Harpur, M Fresson, Mr Ali Ghavami, Director of Tourism, Iran, and Mrs Ghavami, Mrs David Ramsey, Mr R. Crane, secretary, RAF Escaping Society, and Mrs Crane, and members of the Diplomatic Corps and of the Comité Interprofessionnel de Vinsde Champagne.

Henry Wood Hall

The Earl of Shaftesbury and Sir Jack Lyons were hosts at a reception to celebrate the opening of the rehearsal hall at Trinity Church Square, Southwark, on Monday night. Among those present were:

The Mayor and Mayoress of Southwark, the Bishop of Southwark, Lord and Lady Gibson, Lord Goodman, Lady Halles, Mr Jeremy Thorpe, MP, and Mrs Thorpe, Lady Elizabeth von Hofmannsthal, Lady Lyons, Sir Ove and Lady Arup, Sir Edward and the Hon Lady Ford, Sir Richard Powell, the Archdeacon of Wandsworth and Mrs Bazire, Mr and Mrs Peter Andry, Mr and Mrs John Boyden, Mr and Mrs Eric Bravington, Mr and Mrs Peter Dallas-Smith, Mr Ellis Hillman, Mr and Mrs Wallis Hunt, Mrs Aubrey Jones, Mrs Mary Lawrence, Mr and Mrs Jack Maxwell, Mr Michael Patrick, Mr Christopher Raeburn, Mr and Mrs Jack Steinberg, Mr and Mrs Derek Sugden, Captain and Mrs D. Tibbets and Mr Henry Wrong.

Dinner

Royal College of Surgeons of England

Sir Rodney Smith, President of the Royal College of Surgeons, and Lady Smith gave a dinner party yesterday evening at the college. Those present included:

Lord and Lady O'Brien of Lothbury, Mr and Mrs D. Innes Williams, Mr and Mrs R. H. Franklin, and Professor and Mrs A. J. Harding Rains.

Latest wills

Former director's gift to National Gallery

Sir Martin Davies, of Earls Court, London, Director of the National Gallery, 1968-73, left £109,114 net (duty paid, £112). After bequests of £12,000 he left the residue to the National Gallery, the income to be used to buy books, manuscripts, and photographs for the library, picture frames, furniture, furnishings, fittings or sculpture; and grants to staff for travel to widen their knowledge of the history of art.

Mrs Gladys Evelyn Burrows Gregson, of Loxwood, Sussex, left £70,798 net (duty paid, £12,789). After personal legacies of £820 she left the residue among the RNLI, Royal National Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen, RSPCA, NSPCC and the Cancer Research Campaign.

Dr Nugent Davy Jekyll, of South Molton, left £63,112 net. After bequests totalling £4,475 he left the residue equally between the Forest School, Snaresbrook, and Peterhouse, Cambridge, for recreation and sport or gardens.

Other estates include (net before duty paid; duty on some estates not disclosed):

Bigg, Mr Charles William, of Hale Barns, Cheshire, company director (duty paid, £179,251) £374,566

Mackay, Mrs Norah Kathleen Doyle, of Bath (duty paid, £37,217) £106,971

Youell, Mrs Amy, of Coventry £192,612

Luncheons

Overseas Bankers Club

The President of the Overseas Bankers Club, Sir Eric Faulkner, and the chairman, Mr H. M. Excell, entertained the Lord Mayor at luncheon at the club yesterday. The other guests were:

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Douglas Henley, Sir Jasper Hollom, Sir John Pridreaux, Lieutenant-Colonel P. M. Mto, Mr Sherriff Hugh Olson, Mr P. S. Ardron, Mr D. W. Fox, Mr H. N. Little, Mr R. B. Scotcher, and Mr G. I. Williamson.

Belgian Chamber of Commerce

The Belgian Chamber of Commerce in Great Britain held a luncheon at the Anglo-Belgian Club yesterday in honour of M Cecil de Strycker, Governor of the National Bank of Belgium. The principal speakers were M de Strycker and Mr Gordon Richardson, Governor of the Bank of England. The Belgian Ambassador and the deputy Lord Mayor of Westminster were among those present.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:

Mr Mark Heath to be Ambassador to Chad. He remains head of the West African Affairs Department at the Foreign Office and will make periodic visits to Chad.

Mr R. B. Roper, Deputy Chief Land Registrar, to be Chief Land Registrar in succession to Mr T. Ruoff, who retires on September 30.

Mr J. G. H. D. Cairns, the Greater London Council's divisional architect for Thamesmead, to be Chief Architect and Director of Works at the Home Office.

Stonehenge

Stonehenge will not be open to the public during the night of the summer solstice. It will close at the normal time of 7.00 pm on Saturday and reopen at 9.30 am on June 22.

25 years ago

From The Times of Saturday, June 17, 1950

From Our Aeronautical Correspondent

London Airport, June 16.—The world's largest civil airliner, the 130-ton eight-engined Bristol Brabazon, today made its first flights from London Airport.

The public showed a lively interest in the flights. Great crowds packed the public enclosure and other parts of the airport and lined the adjacent roads.

The original intention was that the Prime Minister and other members of the Government should make a flight over London, but earlier this week it was found that the Brabazon's current interim certificate of airworthiness does not permit passengers to be carried.

Church news

The Rev W. Boswick, Rector of Terrington and Dalby with Whenby, diocese of York, to be also Rural Dean of Malton, same diocese.

The Rev D. Betts, curate of St John's, Welling, and priest-in-charge of Bishop Ridley Church, Welling, diocese of Rochester, to be Vicar of St Paul's, Swanley, same diocese.

The Rev G. G. Edgar, Rector of Llangibi with Coed-y-paen diocese of Monmouth, to be a canon of Newport Cathedral.

The Rev R. J. Handscome, Vicar of Fingringhoe, diocese of Chelmsford, to be also priest-in-charge of East Donyland, same diocese.

The Rev E. A. Thompson, curate of Olney, diocese of Oxford, to be team vicar designate in the Woughton team ministry, same diocese.

The Rev D. M. Sharp, Vicar of St Peter's Henleaze, diocese of Bristol, to be Vicar of St Peter Mancroft, Norwich.

The Rev J. F. Wilson, curate of Wandsworth, diocese of Southwark, to be priest-in-charge of Garsdon with Lea and Cleverton, diocese of Bristol.

Science report

Weather: New service to help with the harvests

Farmers and growers in Britain are particularly susceptible to changeable weather at such periods of the year as harvest time. The Meteorological Office has instituted a dry spell service, through which subscribers to the service can be informed whenever it seems likely that they can expect three consecutive days of fine weather.

The service puts farmers or other users in direct touch with a forecaster specializing in regional weather, and is designed to suit local needs far better than the general forecasts. When a dry spell is predicted for a particular region, subscribers are notified by telephone or telex, and they may later call back with queries.

According to the *Meteorological Magazine*, although a forecast is concerned initially with only the likelihood of rain, a farmer who needs light winds or drying winds, say, for a specific job is welcome to get in touch with the forecaster about the prospect of such conditions. When a dry spell is coming to an end it may be of great help to know what prospect there is of thunderstorms affecting a particular local region.

The announcement of the new service does not indicate whether farmers will be encouraged to ring back when rain arrives unexpectedly; but further details of the service may be obtained from the Director General, Meteorological Office (Met 0 7a), London Road, Bracknell, Berkshire, RG12 2SZ.

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Law Report June 17 1975 — Chancery Division

Receipt without payer's name valid discharge of charge

Edwards v Marshall-Lee and Another

Before Mr Justice Brightman

[Judgment delivered June 13]

A simple receipt not naming the payers was held to be a valid discharge of a charge by way of legal mortgage. His Lordship so ruled in delivering judgment on a claim by Mrs Doris Kathleen Edwards, of Old Customs House, Bayards Cove, Dartmouth, Devon, against Mr Peter Marshall-Lee and his wife for certain declarations and the return of a deposit of £4,250 paid under a contract for the sale to her of Morocco House, Bayards Cove, Dartmouth.

Mr Miles Shillingford for Mrs Edwards; Miss Elizabeth Appleby for the defendants, Mr and Mrs Marshall-Lee.

HIS LORDSHIP said that Mrs Edwards, as purchaser in a vendor and purchaser summons, claimed that a requisition on title had not been sufficiently answered, that the vendors, Mr and Mrs Marshall-Lee, had not made a good title to the property at the date when their solicitors had served a notice to complete under condition 19 of the Law Society's Conditions of Sale (1973 revision), and accordingly that their claim to have forfeited the deposit was wrongful.

The contract, dated November 7, 1973, was for the sale of a house for £42,500, the deposit being £4,250. The documents of title included a legal charge made in 1966 by previous owners in favour of Barclays Bank Ltd and a Mr Grazebrook to secure £6,000 and interest. On the back was indorsed a receipt dated May 9, 1972, executed by Barclays Bank Trust Co Ltd and Mr Grazebrook for the total amount of the loan. On October 1, 1970, the Barclays Bank Trust Company Act, 1970, had vested in Barclays Bank Trust Co (the trust company) all trust property theretofore vested in Barclays Bank Ltd either alone or jointly with others. The receipt, however, did not name the persons by whom repayment had been made. Subsequently the property had passed consecutively into three hands and had been the subject matter of a further charge to and release by Barclays Bank Ltd.

Section 52 (1) of the Law of Property Act, 1925, which provided that conveyances of land or any interest in land not under seal should be void, together with section 205, which defined a conveyance as including a release, and with section (2) and (4), under which a charge by way of legal mortgage was included among the interests or charges over land capable of subsisting, or of being conveyed or created at law, made it appear that the appropriate method of ridding a property of a charge by way of legal mortgage was to execute a release under seal. But section 115 (1) provided a simpler method; a receipt indorsed on a mortgage naming the person who paid the money and executed by the mortgagee or chargee would operate as a surrender or reconveyance and as a discharge of all claims under the mortgage.

Additionally section 116 provided that a mortgage term should, where the moneys secured by the mortgage had been discharged, become a satisfied term and should cease.

It followed that a mortgage by demise could be brought to an end either by an instrument under seal in accordance with section 52 (1), or by a statutory receipt in the form laid down by section 115 (1). It followed also that under section 116 the term of years created by a mortgage by demise would merge in the reversion and be extinguished when the money secured had been discharged, irrespective of the fact that the receipt of the money was not in the form prescribed by section 115. It was difficult to see how any powers could exist in a mortgage by demise independently of the term of years thereby created.

In the present case the 1972 receipt, though sealed by the trust company, was not a release under seal complying with section 52 (1). Equally it did not comply with section 115 because it did not name the persons who had paid the money.

Mr Shillingford had argued that the 1972 receipt could not have been effective to extinguish the 1966 legal charge. He was disposed to concede that a simple receipt not naming the payer could be effective to get rid of a mortgage by demise because the mortgage term would cease and become satisfied under section 116. He submitted, however, that the position was different in the case of a charge by way of legal mortgage because section 116 was not expressed to apply to that type of mortgage.

His Lordship thought that that view was mistaken, and he so held. The only suggested difference between a mortgage by demise and a charge by way of legal mortgage was the existence in the former case of a term of years. Once all the money had been repaid there were no powers or remedies remaining vested in the mortgagee. It followed therefore, that a simple receipt not complying with section 115, but nevertheless proving that all moneys had been repaid, discharged the mortgage, whether it was by demise or otherwise, unless, of course, the money was repaid by someone not entitled to the equity of redemption, when other consequences might ensue.

His Lordship had dealt with the effect of the receipt not complying with section 115 in order to dispel any fog which might otherwise obscure the real issues in the case. The requisition in question claimed that the 1966 legal charge did not disclose that it was vested in Barclays Bank Ltd and Mr Grazebrook in any fiduciary capacity; if they were trustees then the trust instrument must be abstracted, a vacating receipt was neither a conveyance nor a transfer, and accordingly the vendors were put to proof that the receipt was a valid discharge.

In his Lordship's view the requisition was bad. The receipt was a document whereby the trust company purported to release rights which before the specified date had been held by Barclays Bank Ltd jointly with Mr Grazebrook, and was therefore sufficient evidence that the interest of Barclays Bank in the mortgage money had become vested in the trust company. The vendors' solicitors misread the requisition; they thought the point taken was that the receipt did not comply with section 115. In their reply the purchaser's solicitors made it perfectly clear that their objection was that there was no evidence that Barclays Bank's interest had become vested in the trust company at the date of the receipt; they asserted, quite wrongly, that a vacating receipt, by which they meant one not complying with section 115, was not a conveyance or transfer.

The vendors could have relied on the terms of section 7 (2) (B) of the Barclays Bank Act of 1970 to prove the devolution of title. Instead they offered to provide a receipt executed by both the trust company and Barclays Bank Ltd, which would have been sufficient. In the event the purchaser's solicitors failed to attend on the date finally fixed for completion and, after further correspondence, the vendors' solicitors on January 25 served a notice to complete within 28 days. On February 3 the true reason for the failure to complete became clear, namely that the purchaser's financial arrangements had broken down. The 28 days expired and on February 27 the vendors forfeited the deposit. The purchasers attempted to make further requisitions in March and to rescind the contract. The vendors resold the property in May, 1974, for £38,000.

His Lordship considered that the notice to complete was validly served with the result that the vendors were entitled to forfeit the deposit. There was no defect in title, but in any event the vendors had offered a document which would have satisfactorily met the only requisition raised in the time permitted, and even though it had not been obtained, they were ready, able and willing themselves to complete when the notice was served.

Solicitors: Robbins, Olivey & Lake for Gill, Akaster, Leest & Russell, Devonport; Theodore Goddard & Co for Boyce, Hatton & Co, Torquay.

Family Division

Wife divorced by talaq and property rights

Chaudrey v Chaudrey

Before Mr Justice Dunn

[Judgment delivered June 12]

The court has jurisdiction to hear an application under section 17 of the Married Women's Property Act, 1882, made by a former wife who had been divorced by talaq pronounced by the husband at the Pakistan Embassy in London.

His Lordship gave this ruling on a preliminary issue raised by Mr Abdur Chaudrey, of Prothero Road, Fulham, who had argued that the court had no jurisdiction to hear such an application by his wife, Mrs Kishwar Chaudrey, of Philbeach Gardens, Earls Court.

Mr A. M. Abbas for the husband; Mr Jonathan Sofer for the wife.

HIS LORDSHIP said that the parties married under Islamic law in Pakistan in 1959. The husband came to England and the wife joined him in 1963. In July 1972, the husband pronounced the talaq under his personal law at the Pakistan Embassy.

It was accepted that in 1972 the decree would be recognized as validly dissolving the marriage as it was before the Domicile and Matrimonial Proceedings Act, 1973, came into force. The only question was whether the parties of a polygamous union were husband and wife so as to entitle either to apply under section 17 of the Married Women's Property Act, 1882.

It had been submitted for the husband that at common law the parties would not have been recognized as husband and wife; that "husband" and "wife" in the Act did not apply to parties of a polygamous marriage; and that section 47 of the Matrimonial Causes Act, 1973 ("A court . . . shall not be precluded from granting matrimonial relief . . . by reason only that the marriage in question was entered into under a law which permits polygamy.") had not altered the common law—that an English court would not recognize a polygamous marriage when deciding rights of property.

His Lordship could not accept that submission. Lord Penzance had said in *Hyde v Hyde* ((1866) LR 1 P & D 130) that "this court does not profess to decide upon the rights of succession or legitimacy which it might be proper to accord to the issue of the polygamous union . . .". But that authoritative statement of the law was changed by the Matrimonial Proceedings (Polygamous Marriages) Act, 1972, which enabled matrimonial relief to be granted notwithstanding that the marriage was polygamous.

It would be anomalous if a wife in such a position was able to make applications in relation to property and maintenance under the Matrimonial Causes Act 1973, and not under the Act of 1882. Any other conclusion would be impractical and an affront to common sense.

The wife was entitled to proceed under section 17, and the proceedings were adjourned to a registrar.

Solicitors: A. S. Cohen & Co; Myers, Ebner & Deaner.

Justices must hear evidence

Jones v Jones

Justices cannot make a maintenance order without hearing evidence, and they have no power to approve agreements between parties. Such agreements, however, are a circumstance to be taken into account when deciding the amount of maintenance.

The Divisional Court of the Family Division so stated when dismissing an appeal by a husband from an order of justices in Miskin, Mid Glamorgan, that he pay his wife £11.50 a week.

Mr JUSTICE DUNN, who was sitting with Sir George Baker, President, said that the wife, who was 39, was receiving social security benefits. The husband earned £45.50 gross as a colliery mason.

Before the hearing of the wife's complaint by the justices the parties had agreed that the husband would admit that he had wilfully neglected to maintain her and would pay her £6 a week. After hearing evidence the justices thought that that sum was far too low and against the public interest as it meant that she would still have to depend on supplementary benefits.

OBITUARY

GROUP CAPTAIN S. D. CULL

An intrepid feat of airmanship

Group Captain S. D. Culley, DSO, who as a naval pilot achieved one of the most spectacular combat victories of the First World War, has died at the age of 79.

Born in the United States and educated there and in Canada, Stuart Douglas Culley entered the RNAS in 1917. In August of the following year the Harwich Striking Force under Admiral Tyrwhitt was being annoyed by Zeppelins off the Frisian Coast which were able to observe British troop movements without coming within range of the Force's guns.

Since attack by Britain-based aircraft was out of the question at that range, a lighter, capable of being towed at 32 knots by a destroyer, was built to serve as a rudimentary take-off deck for a Sopwith Camel fighter.

Culley volunteered to fly the aircraft without any previous practice at this type of take-off. On August 10, 1918, the Zeppelin, L53, one of the later ge tion of long-range Zepp appeared at 18,000 feet. C primitive flight deck steamed to windward an took off to engage the e

In full view of the wa Harwich Force, he climb 18,000 feet, destroyed th ship, and returned to land on the lighter, a feat earned him the DSO. All to the incident in later Tyrwhitt said of his then 18-year-old pilot: "It w grandest and bravest th have ever seen in my li

Culley later joined the Air Force and served i Middle East and India. H Mentioned in Despatches Mohmand Operations in and again in the Syrian paign of 1941. He retired the RAF as a Group C in December, 1945, and s in Italy. The Camel aircr still preserved in the Im War Museum.

LORD BIRKENHEAD

Lord Butler writes:

Freddy Birkenhead was one of the longest and most beloved of our friends and I would like to add to your obituary of June 11, three aspects of him and his career.

First of all he was the warmest and most sympathetic of personalities. He had inherited all his father's and mother's character and ability and added to this formidable array a sense of poetry and literature.

His love and knowledge of poetry is reflected in the imagery of his prose writing by which he is especially remembered. He was very shrewd in his understanding of character and very rarely wrong in his opinion of the many personalities with whom he had to deal.

His talents were particularly reflected in his conduct of the Chairmanship of The Royal Society of Literature, a post which I as President asked him to fill as long ago as when I was Chancellor of the Exchequer. I expressed a hope that his wife Sheila should help and assist him and she became a member of the Council. Since then The Royal Society of Literature has gone from strength to strength. The character of its lectures and readings of poetry has improved consistently over the years and the idea of appointing Companions of Literature, CLitts, came from Birkenhead himself.

Every year he presented to our Council an Annual Report which was written in his own unmistakable style. He found satisfaction in being Chairman of the Council and his decisions were seldom questioned.

His skill as a biographer was particularly pronounced. a pity that his work on W Churchill, which was to one-volume study, was able to be finished. I th would have proved to b masterpiece. He knew how cult it was to write an new but there was som original in his art as grapher which would have reflected in this work which has been inherited son, Lord Furneaux, in his on William Wilberforce.

In "The Prof", the s of one of his biographies, reason to differ with Lord well on the question o floating of the pound in which history has since to have been a suggestion might have worked. Prof" was very vigorous opposition and Birkenhea mastered the whole subjec all its intricacies, with co mate skill, leaving the p of a man who would cer have reappeared in his bo Churchill; a man who h finite influence upon Chu himself.

Birkenhead's life of Halifax has the supreme of presenting the only cle ture of a puzzling cha which has yet been pro Faithful to his own con tious sense of truth, he cri Halifax over Munich, praising him over India, a leaves the correct impre that it was as Viceroy i East and Ambassador in West that Halifax really his name. Not everyone have found it easy to writ book and it deserves saying as biography it is in the class.

SIR MAURICE LYELL

P. B. writes:

Maurice Lyell, who died on May 27, had a most distinguished career in the Law, but this was by no means his only distinction.

He was one of the outstanding members of the Bar, both as a Junior and a Silk, from the end of the war until he was appointed a Judge in 1962. He was a very good lawyer and a most formidable advocate, and he had an enormous and varied practice in the highest class of work.

He was at his best in matters of business and finance, of which he understood not only the law but also the practical problems. But he was also distinguished in other branches of the law. His argument in a case in 1950 (*R v Northumberland Compensation Appeal Tribunal*) produced a decision which made legal and constitutional history.

After the responsibility for valuation for rating was transferred by the Local Government Act, 1948, from Local Authorities to the Inland Revenue, he was appointed the first Junior Counsel to the Inland Revenue in rating matters, and over the next 10 years he had probably more influence than anyone else on the new and important developments in rating law happened during that although (or perhaps bec he had no previous exper of rating.

But he was far from only a great lawyer and cate. He liked to describe self as having a "rag mind", which meant tha had a vast and extraordi collection of general k ledge. He had an enthusi interest in painting, music, theatre, gardening, and course sport. He was on the few Judges to have also a Master of Hounds.

Those who knew him at time will remember his cou in the tragedies of the ill and death of his first wife of one of his daughters. our delight in the happines his second marriage and of country life in Hertfordshi

He had tremendous zes all he did, which was perl why he got on so well young people (he particul enjoyed his work as Chair of the Young Barristers' C mittee of the Bar Council). was the most generous of in helping others, preferabl stealth.

Those of us who were pr leged to know him well always think of him admiration and gratitude.

MR ANTHONY TUKE

Sir John Thomson writes:

Anthony William Tuke, who died last week, brought to banking a combination of hereditary instinct and true professionalism. His forebears were country bankers in Essex and his father before him became Chairman of Barclays. On leaving Winchester, he served in the Army in World War I and during the Second World War, as General Manager, he made an outstanding contribution to the planning and execution of measures to sustain the nation's financial stability.

Tony Tuke's firm belief in "sound money" and in the lessons learnt from early banking successes and failures did not prevent his active sponsorship of innovation but he would never compromise those principles to take a short cut to immediate prosperity; subsequent developments in the financial world fully testified to his judgment.

On the story of the City in his time he threw vivid light with consecutive histories of Barclays Bank in which he took the major part in compilation; and in his Annual Addresses to stockholders, which were recognized by his contemporaries "pure Tuke" from start finish full of his special br of wit and wisdom, and, variably, containing some classical quotation.

A journalist once refer to him as "The Iron Tuk an appellation which stuck. was, indeed, unyielding in fence of his loyalties and beli nor did he wear his heart his sleeve. Nonetheless, th was never a kinder man nor for whom it was a happier perience to work.

He earned his fame as banker, but his name is a honoured by countless Wy hamists. Not only was he distinguished Warden but f can have done more for School, whether by fund r ing or by wise guidance. worked hard for Winches and it was a labour of love.

Though, by nature, shy a rather reserved, he was most loyal of friends and excellent companion. He w a first-class shot and an exp dry fly fisherman. With wife, Edna, he shared a love the arts and of the theatre which unobtrusively he ga unstinted aid.

Cardinal Arturo Tabera Araoz, a Spanish cardinal, died in the Vatican City yesterday. He was 71 and was Prefect of the Vatican's Congregation for Religious Orders. For 25 years he was Bishop of Barbastro, Albacete, and Pamplona. Pope Paul appointed him a cardinal in 1969.

Mrs Kathleen Langley Kayser, MBE, who was appointed a Justice of the Peace for Nottinghamshire in 1936, died on May 26. She was the widow of C. W. Kayser who died in 1947.

Lady Robinson, widow of t first and last Baron Robinso OBE, died on June 1. She w Charlotte Marion, daughter Harry Cust Bradshaw, and s was married in 1910. Her hu band died in 1952.

Lieutenant-Colonel Willia Arthur McDonell Garsti CBE, who has died at the ag of 93, was Resident at Gwalio and Udaipur 1932-35 and age to the Governor-Genera Madras States (Travancore an Cochin) 1935-37.

a Special Report on the *Länder* of
North Rhine-Westphalia, Rhineland-Palatinate, Saarland and Hesse

Central Germany

tificial states created from old Reich on military maps

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n the geographical West Germany that s most clearly the bitrary political con- es of the postwar of the old Reich *Länder* reviewed in ort are artificial cre- with many important alignments owing rigin to the lines on military maps by an British and officers marking off respective zones of tion.

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is not to say that the ly named North Westphalia and land-Palatinate lack ter or that you would know the difference en Saarland and

last named, for exam- has been divided in different ways over centuries. Today's with its five million le, would correspond that of the sixteenth ary, had the French not clipped off some rn parts leaving the to the Americans.

A national crossroad

one the less, Hesse still ages to perform the uni- feat of straddling the r Main and thus belong to south as well as to th Germany. What the in does for West Ger- ny, the Trent does for land.

esse is both the most ily afforested West nan *Land* and the try's main crossroads for air, rail and road traffic. The Rhine-Main airport at Frankfurt is West Germany's chief international airport and has just been rebuilt. The city's main railway station is West Germany's answer to Crewe, while the bewildering network of autobahns round the city is one of the busiest multiple road junctions in the world.

Although Frankfurt is West Germany's financial metropolis and the largest city in Hesse, the *Land* capital is at Wiesbaden, a quieter, more dignified city noted for its pungent mineral baths. Hesse is also the only state of our four with a joint border with East Germany and no less than five of the nine other West German *Länder*. The other three states which make up West Germany's geographical centre align from north to south and border on The Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg and France.

Proceeding from south to north in the manner of the Rhine, the region's main artery, you cross the French border at the point where the Sarre river becomes the Saar and confers its name on the Federal Republic's youngest and historically oddest constituent.

Saarland rivals Alsace in the number of times it has changed hands over the centuries. It was created in more or less its present shape by the Treaty of Versailles out of parts of the Bavarian Palatinate and the Prussian Rhine-Province, now both defunct, and was under League of Nations administration from 1920 to 1935, when a majority of more than 90 per cent in a plebiscite took it into the Third Reich.

In 1945 the French detached Saarland from Germany, and even sealed it off to prevent the millions of Germans fleeing from Eastern Europe settling here. Ten years later, the population in another plebiscite rejected by a two-thirds majority the "Saar statute" worked out between West Germany and France, which would have made it in effect no more than a buffer zone. Under a Franco-West German Saar treaty of 1956, Saarland joined the Federal Republic on January 1, 1957.

For a small state with just over a million people, Saarland offers a remarkable variety of both scenery and ways of life. The only state of the four which does not adjoin the Rhine, it nevertheless produces some excellent wines. Partly concealed among its pleasing countryside and forests are the coalmines which make it West Germany's most important mining area after the Ruhr.

Invention of the French

Its remote position on the French border delayed by a decade the harvesting of the fruits of West Germany's economic miracle. Saarland thus used to be called "the poor house of West Germany". But the state's economic vulnerability has not prevented it from offering exemplary standards of social services to its citizens.

Rhineland-Palatine is an invention of the French occupation administration and consists of parts of what used to be the Bavarian Palatinate, the Prussian Rhine-Province and several other more or less recently vanished German political subdivisions.

Although major industry is to be found in towns like Ludwigshafen, the Palatinate impresses the foreigner first and foremost with its outstanding beauty. Probably the most impressive stretch of the Rhine runs from Bingen to Koblenz past the Lorelei rock.

Smaller in scale but at least as striking is the winding valley of the river Moselle, along which much of the German wine route runs, through a procession of lovely villages whose names appear on the labels of some of the world's finest white wines.

At the south-western extremity of the valley lies the splendid city of Trier, which has such diverse claims to fame as some of the finest of all Roman ruins, the oldest cathedral north of the Alps and the birthplace of Karl Marx. The city reminds the visitor that although the Palatinate is, as a state, a recent invention, it is in cultural terms the "oldest" part of all Germany. Other fine cathedrals are to be found at Speyer, Worms and Mainz, the *Land* capital. The 3,500,000 inhabitants of West Germany's prettiest state speak a dialect full of evidence of the repeated French occupations of the area, the most recent of which lasted from 1945-49.

As the Rhine flows towards the federal capital of Bonn, it bisects the border between the Palatinate and North Rhine-Westphalia and crosses northwards into West Germany's most populous land. North Rhine-Westphalia is the true heart of West Germany, economically, politically, geographically, demographically. For its size, it is the most densely populated part of Europe. It accommodates 17 million people in an area considerably smaller than The Netherlands (13 million), which is generally accepted as the most crowded nation-state in the world. It occupies the area formerly made up of the Prussian provinces of Westphalia and the Rhineland (apart from those areas now incorporated in more southerly *Länder*).

Its southern and eastern borders coincide with what used to be the boundary of the British occupation zone. Thus the state, which contains 28 per cent of the West German population, is another invented component of the Federal Republic. But the Rhinelanders who live along the river south of the Ruhr are as rightly renowned for their distinctive "tribal" character as any other section of the German people, nowadays probably more so as they are at the heart of things.

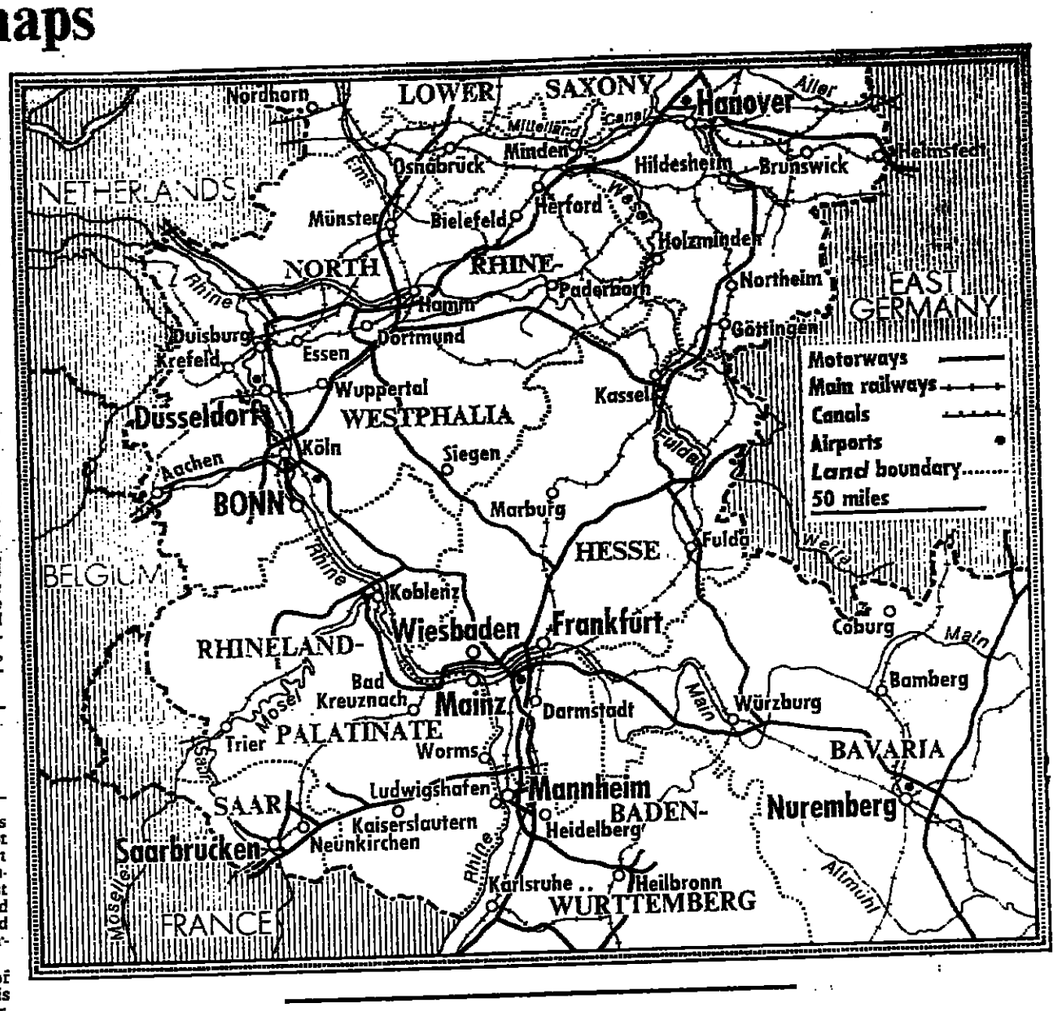
Whatever their virtues, and these are many, they do not include the "efficiency" for which West Germany is inaccurately famous (for "efficiency" read "thoroughness", and then see how thoroughly the Rhinelanders prepare their annual carnival celebration).

Despite the destruction inflicted on the Ruhr by allied bombers and the advance across the Rhine, it was the Ruhr region which, by its remarkable revival after the war, served as the foundation stone of the economic miracle. And despite the growth of industry all over the country, the Ruhr remains West Germany's industrial heart.

Land of many superlatives

North Rhine-Westphalia is a land of superlatives. Not only does it have the most people and the most industry, it also has the most big cities, the most road and river traffic and indeed the dirtiest air in West Germany.

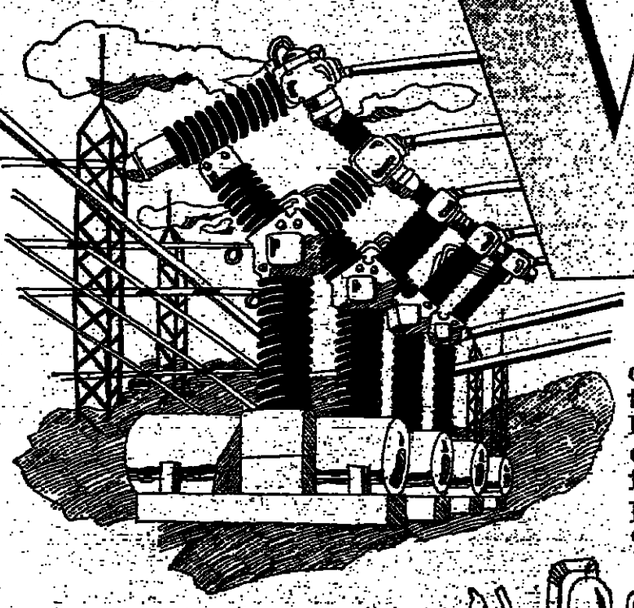
But there is no lack of natural beauty in this busiest part of West Germany either. It shares the Eifel mountain area with the Palatinate, and has the wooded Sauerland east of the Ruhr all to itself. There is plenty of forest, and the view from Bonn across the Rhine to the seven hills is one of the most pleasing in Germany.



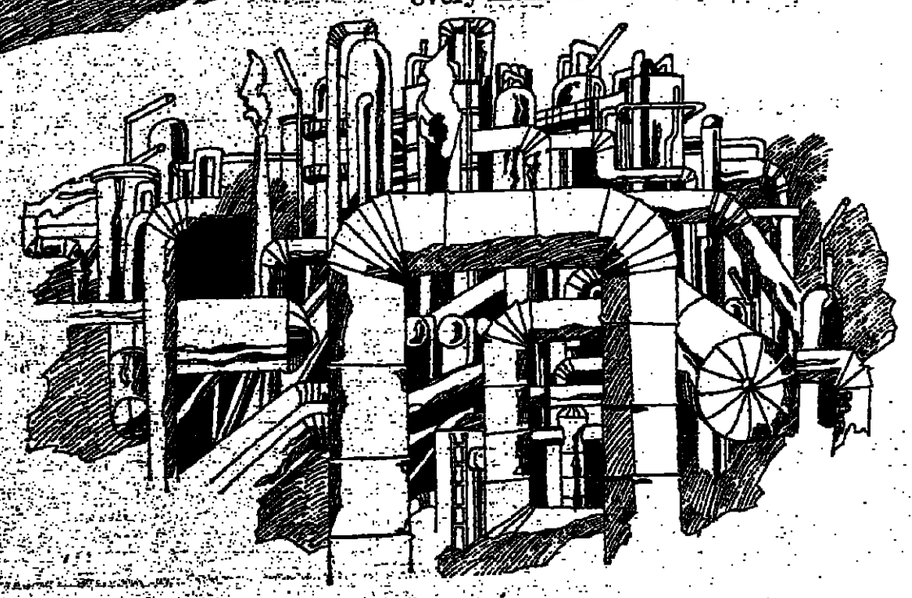
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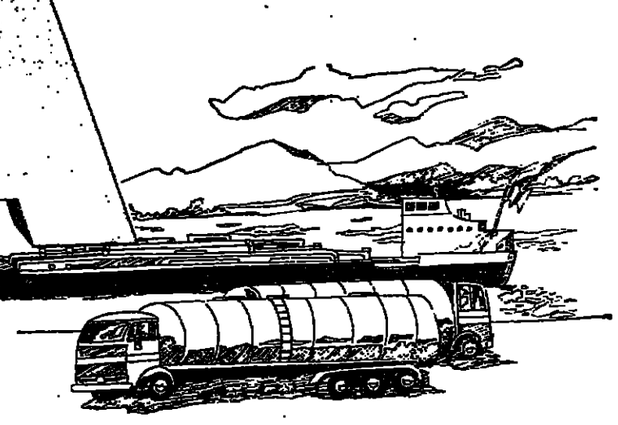
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Miners form a smaller part of the working population than in the old days, but coal is now again a commodity in demand and a subject of research.

New jobs help to balance the accounts

by Peter Norman

With four *Länder* as varied as North Rhine-Westphalia, Rhineland-Palatinate, the Saar and Hesse, it is hardly surprising that regional differences stand high on the list of economic problems facing the governments in Düsseldorf, Mainz, Saarbrücken and Wiesbaden. All four have had to cope with serious regional and structural problems in the period since reconstruction after the second world war.

For North-Rhine Westphalia the major problem was the challenge that cheap imported oil posed for its domestic coal industry in the 1960s.

Rhineland-Palatinate suffered from its position as an historic border area, which held back its development in the 1930s and threatened to put the state in a second-class role in the postwar years.

The Saar was afflicted by both evils. Not only was its industrial base coal and steel, but having switched so frequently from being in areas of German and French economic influence, its infrastructure was less developed and poorly integrated with that of the rest of the Federal Republic.

Hesse was and is perhaps the best balanced of the four *Länder* economically. But even so it has had to cope with a 270 kilometre border with East Germany and the associated economic blight.

To look at a map of development areas in North Rhine-Westphalia today is to look at a considerable success story. The shaded areas are not those traditional Ruhr towns of Duisburg, Mülheim, Essen, Bochum or Dormund. Instead, the development areas are on the agricultural fringes of the Ruhr or in the Sauerland and Eifel hill areas.

This bears witness to a recent statement by the state's Economics Minister, Herr Horst-Ludwig Riemer, that for the North Rhine-Westphalian Government structural change is no temporary phenomenon but, depending on how far an economy develops, a "necessary occurance which we cannot stop."

Between 1961 and 1972 the number of jobs in industry in the state fell by 275,000. At the same time, however, the number of new jobs in trading, transport and services increased by 257,000, a sign that North Rhine-Westphalia was not so much a dying industrial colossus as an area evolving a more modern, balanced economic structure.

The structural change was concentrated at that time on the traditional coal-mining areas. In the 11 years to 1972 the number of jobs in mining was cut by 52.5 per cent or 221,000, presenting an unprecedented structural change in the postwar history of West Germany.

Encouraged by financial assistance from the state and the Federal Government, other industries moved into the old coalmining areas and between 1967 and 1973 created more than 200,000 new jobs.

In those six years, 280,000 jobs were created in the development areas of the state as a result of industry being encouraged to invest some DM 28,000m. In consequence the state's growth rate, which in the early 1960s had lagged well behind the West German average, came close to the norm in 1968 and by 1973 had overtaken it.

Now coal is again a commodity in demand but typical of the development policies of North Rhine-Westphalia, the Düsseldorf Government is pressing ahead with ambitious projects to make it a more flexible and less economically vulnerable product in the future. A prime focus for government aid is research into the gasification of coal through the use of nuclear process heat, which one day could result in the production of synthetic oil competitive with the natural product.

The major impulse for structural development came after the 1966-67 recession in North Rhine-Westphalia. In neighbouring Rhineland-Palatinate, the need for action was already apparent in the 1950s.

Once thought of as merely a state of grapes and wood-land, Rhineland-Palatinate has developed its industry at a rapid rate since the beginning of the 1960s. Between 1958 and 1972 industrial production in the state grew by 253 per cent against a rise of 121 per cent for the whole of the Federal Republic. At the same time the share of agriculture in the real social product of the *Land* declined to about 4 per cent from 10 per cent.

Not only have established industries such as the BASF chemical works at Ludwigshafen proved to be major growth centres, but the Government has also attracted new enterprises to the state such as the Daimler-Benz Lorry Plant at Wörth.

However, the Palatinate's policy of attracting new industry has not eliminated all the trouble spots. Significantly the state's traditional shoe industry proved to be a victim of structural change in the most recent recession. Cheap imports, mainly from Italy, led to a reduction of shoe sales and high unemployment in the upland production centres such as Pirmasens. Now a certain degree of stabilization seems to be setting in but at a low level.

The appearance of recession in the German economy after so many years of almost unbroken upwards growth has also proved a matter of concern for the Saarland.

Because of its geographical position and turbulent history the Saar is perhaps the most vulnerable of the four central German states.

The structural policy of the Saarland is a long-term concept stretching into the 1980s. In 1969, the Government in Saarbrücken took another look at its aims and decided that alongside the traditional coal and steel industries the future lay in creating new jobs, particularly in manufacturing industry, preferably with chances of future growth. In addition the services sector was to be encouraged and work is due to begin this year on an important improvement to the infrastructure of the state the canalization of the River Saar, bringing it into the international waterway system.

The state has already gone a considerable way towards making its economy more resilient to crisis. Between mid-1959 and 1974 more than 200 new industrial plants were established in the state and more than 39,000 new jobs created in industry. In fact, one in four industrial jobs in ... has been created s... and the proportion ... labour force engage... the coal and iron ... industries has rise... per cent from 44 ...

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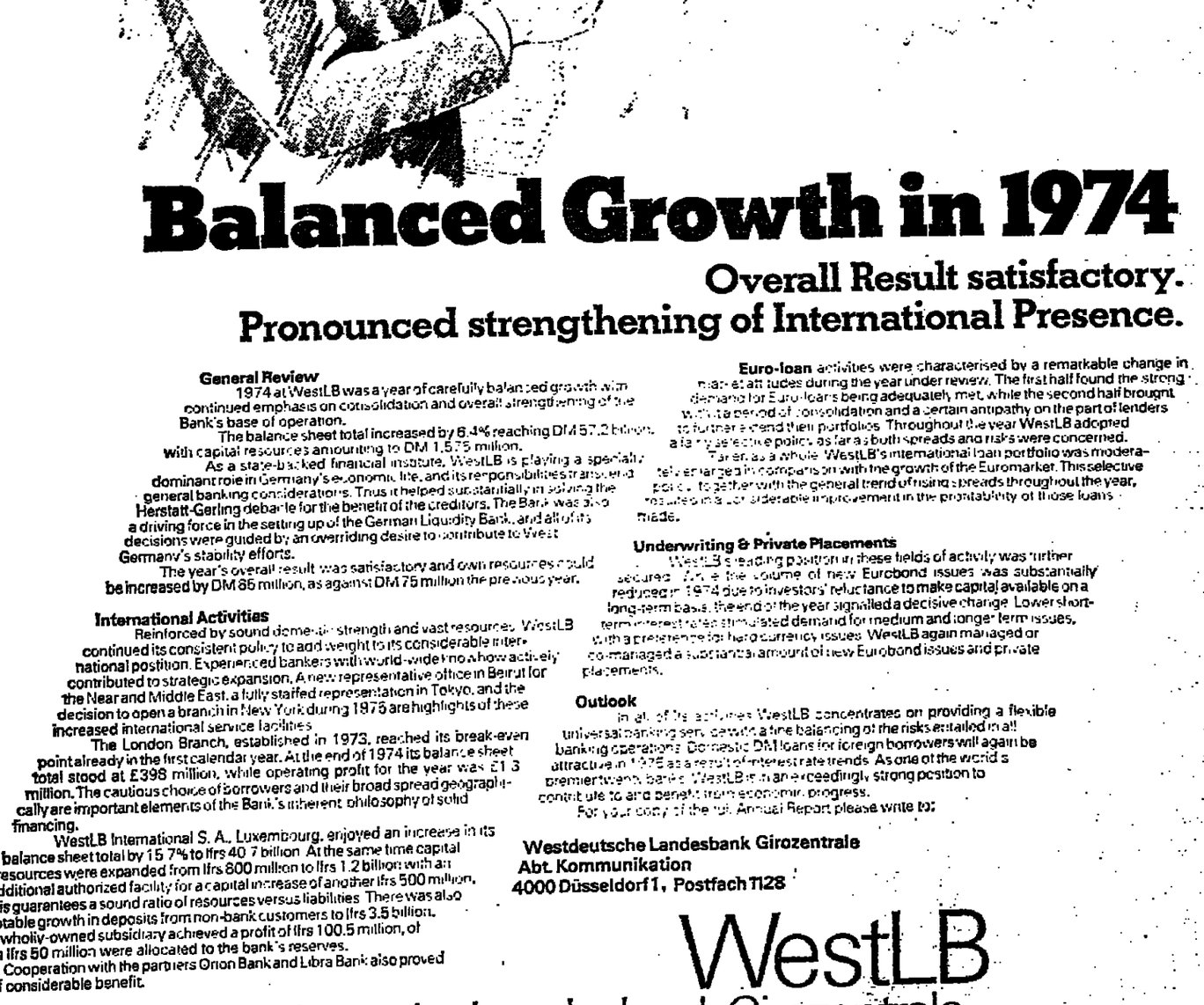
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Balanced Growth in 1974

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General Review
1974 at WestLB was a year of carefully balanced growth with continued emphasis on consolidation and overall strengthening of the Bank's base of operation.
The balance sheet total increased by 6.4% reaching DM 57.2 billion, with capital resources amounting to DM 1,575 million.
As a state-backed financial institute, WestLB is playing a specially dominant role in Germany's economic life, and its responsibilities transcend general banking considerations. Thus it helped substantially in solving the Herstatt-Gerling debacle for the benefit of the creditors. The Bank was also a driving force in the setting up of the German Liquidity Bank, and all of its decisions were guided by an overriding desire to contribute to West Germany's stability efforts.
The year's overall result was satisfactory and own resources could be increased by DM 85 million, as against DM 75 million the previous year.

International Activities
Reinforced by sound domestic strength and vast resources, WestLB continued its consistent policy to add weight to its considerable international position. Experienced bankers with world-wide know-how actively contributed to strategic expansion. A new representative office in Beirut for the Near and Middle East, a fully staffed representation in Tokyo, and the decision to open a branch in New York during 1975 are highlights of these increased international service facilities.
The London Branch, established in 1973, reached its break-even point already in the first calendar year. At the end of 1974 its balance sheet total stood at £398 million, while operating profit for the year was £1.3 million. The cautious choice of borrowers and their broad spread geographically are important elements of the Bank's inherent philosophy of solid financing.
WestLB International S. A., Luxembourg, enjoyed an increase in its balance sheet total by 15.7% to lfrs 40.7 billion. At the same time capital resources were expanded from lfrs 800 million to lfrs 1.2 billion with an additional authorized facility for a capital increase of another lfrs 500 million. This guarantees a sound ratio of resources versus liabilities. There was also a notable growth in deposits from non-bank customers to lfrs 3.5 billion.
This wholly-owned subsidiary achieved a profit of lfrs 100.5 million, of which lfrs 50 million were allocated to the bank's reserves.
Cooperation with the partners Orion Bank and Libra Bank also proved to be of considerable benefit.

Euro-loan activities were characterised by a remarkable change in market attitudes during the year under review. The first half found the strong demand for Euro-loans being adequately met, while the second half brought with it a period of consolidation and a certain antipathy on the part of lenders to further extend their portfolios. Throughout the year WestLB adopted a fairly selective policy as far as both spreads and risks were concerned.
Taken as a whole, WestLB's international loan portfolio was moderately enlarged in comparison with the growth of the Euromarket. This selective policy, together with the general trend of rising spreads throughout the year, resulted in a considerable improvement in the profitability of those loans made.

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WestLB's leading position in these fields of activity was further secured. While the volume of new Eurobond issues was substantially reduced in 1974 due to investors' reluctance to make capital available on a long-term basis, the end of the year signalled a decisive change. Lower short-term interest rates stimulated demand for medium and longer-term issues, with a preference for hard currency issues. WestLB again managed or co-managed a substantial amount of new Eurobond issues and private placements.

Outlook
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British forces gain by change

by Henry Stanhope
Defence Correspondent

This is a difficult time to write about the British Army of the Rhine. It always is; but it has recently become more difficult than before.

This is because BAOR, which, with RAF Germany, has been for many years the most institutionalized, immutable manifestation of Britain's commitment to the defence of central Europe, is about to enter a period of change more fundamental than any since the war.

Its commitment will remain and so will its size—guaranteed under the Brussels Treaty at 55,000. But the more detailed statistics of its future outline at present remain uncertain.

The present shape is simple enough. Rhine Army headquarters are at Rheindahlen, to the west of the Rhine, not far from Mönchen Gladbach. But the chief constituent part of BAOR is the I British Corps, which has its own headquarters at Bielefeld. This in turn comprises three divisions: 1 Division, centred upon Verden; 2, upon Lübbecke; and 4, at Herford. Important garrisons are located at Münster, Osnabrück, Paderborn, Detmold, Minden, Neinburg, Soltau, Holme, Soest, Iserlohn and Celle.

The three divisons are each made up of two brigades, thus totalling six, five of which are at present "squared"—which means that they comprise two armoured regiments and two mechanized infantry battalions, with supporting arms. The sixth brigade contains three mechanized infantry battalions and only one armoured regiment.

All have added up to a force whose size approaches a third of the entire British Army. It has been pointed out that apart from the old Indian Army it is easily the biggest contingent ever to be stationed overseas by Britain in peacetime.

Much of this will remain. The garrisons are located where they are principally because of the availability of military bases left over from the war, and it is difficult to envisage Britain, or for that matter Germany, indulging in any wholesale, expensive transfers of property. But the operational deployment of BAOR should undergo considerable change during the next four years.

The proposed changes, which are shortly to be tried out in a series of experimental trials, exemplify the way in which necessity can be the mother of invention. They have been made necessary by the recent defence review, which cut the size of the British Army, now some 170,000, by 15,000. The Royal Navy and the RAF, faced by similar cuts—and in the case of the RAF numerically more drastic ones—are able to effect them by pruning certain limbs which have been made partly superfluous by reduced commitments. The Army, because of almost unchanged commitments, has been forced to resort to a more complicated course of treatment than straight surgery.

In BAOR, as in other sections of the Army, the brigade as a level of command will disappear. Instead of three divisions and six brigades there will henceforth be five divisions—one artillery division and four armoured—and a new infantry formation. Each armoured division will have its own armoured reconnaissance regiment in addition to two armoured regiments and three infantry battalions, an engineer regiment and two artillery regiments, one for direct support and the other for general support.

In general it means that there will be more armoured reconnaissance regiments, fewer armoured regiments, but each one larger than before with more tanks, and fewer artillery regiments, again each with more batteries. The aggregate number of tanks, guns and other heavy equipment will remain the same as before.

How great an impact this will have upon the daily lives of soldiers in BAOR is open to question. But on a day-to-day basis the answer will probably be not much. One of the constituent parts of the Northern Army Group (Northag) will still be one British Corps, which with three other corps from Germany, Belgium and Holland, will be prepared to defend the northern sector of the Nato frontier in Europe against any advance from the east.

The tactical concept will remain one of mobile defence, the troops swarming round and about any advancing enemy rather than presenting a thin red line of defence. BAOR will still depend upon the Territorial and Army Volunteer Reserve in Britain to plump it out to wartime strength during the state of rising tension and general alert which Nato always hopefully assumes will precede any such advance.

And life for the individual army family in West Germany will no doubt remain little changed. In a period of detente this pattern of daily life confronts the army with almost as great a problem as the Russians. Life for the soldier has certainly changed beyond all measure since the 1950s, when a conscript force made BAOR and the unmarried often uninterested. Now the Serviceman wanders disconsolately through the bars and cafes of northern Germany, falling into step with German youth and counting the days before he could be allowed home to his more familiar environment in Britain.

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e remaining pages of this Special Report, James Hutchinson, Donald Massie
eter Norman look at the four *Länder* which make up the central region
Federal Republic



ural facilities and popular culture in Düsseldorf, capital of North Rhine-Westphalia. Above : the itional German police force band. Top : the city's theatre.

Rhine-Westphalia: 15,000 pubs in the coalfield

Rhine-Westphalia has described often enough e nerve centre of West apy. Enthusiastically oping the medical meta- a local journalist wrote f the *Land* could not be to be the heart of e it was certainly its "Europe's heart may in Paris", he went on, its pace is determined e Rhine and Ruhr." h 17,250,000 inhabit- it is the most populous ie *Länder*. Almost a of all West German in- ial workers are em- d in North Rhine-West- a. But it is much more than an industrial workshop.

Over the Ruhr the sun is still a little pale above the polluted clouds and you still come across long rows of cheerless houses in the shadow of the pit shafts, but it is a land of great contrast. A quarter—65,000—of West Germany's huntsmen live in North Rhine-Westphalia ; it has 55 spas, 200,000 licensed anglers and about a quarter of its area is forest.

The rolling green farmlands of Westphalia are among the finest stretches of countryside that West Germany has to offer, and Münster, the splendid capital of Westphalia, is surrounded by a particularly attractive landscape, with red brick farmhouses, moated castles and woods.

North Rhine-Westphalia comprises the former Prussian province of Westphalia, the northern parts of the Rhine province and the *Land* Lippe Detmold. In the west it is bordered for about 240 miles by Holland and for 60 miles by Belgium. It consists of three parts—the Rhineland, with the Eifel, the Lower Rhine area and the Bergisches Land ; Westphalia, including the Sauerland ; and the Ruhr.

All three are areas where Germanic tribes settled. The territory on the left bank of the Rhine belonged, from the time of Caesar, for some 400 years to the Roman Empire.

About 90 per cent of West Germany's coal mines and coke ovens, 70 per cent of its steelworks, half its chemical industry and 35 per cent of its oil refineries are situated in North Rhine-Westphalia. For many years the problem of tackling pollution was neglected, and in the mid-1960s 2,600 cwt of industrial dust were showered on the city of Duisburg every day.

Rivers less polluted

Since then the *Land* Government and industry have cooperated with considerable success in a programme to reduce atmospheric and water pollution. One would scarcely recommend a health cure in Duisburg, but the air there is much better than it was, and many of the rivers are less polluted, although the Rhine still needs some drastic treatment if it is to lose the title of Europe's biggest sewer.

The Ruhr towns do not form an unbroken chain but are interspersed with large areas of countryside, and they have good recreational and cultural facilities. The *Land* has more than 30 theatre companies, many of them supported by local authorities. In Dortmund alone there are 350 sports clubs, and Oberhausen has 50 male voice choirs.

The Germans' fondness for joining clubs and associations is nowhere more evident than in Gelsenkirchen, where there are 11 grandfathers' clubs, with such names as Hand in Hand and Keep Young.

It is said that hundreds of thousands of people would have drifted away from the Ruhr when its dependence on coal and steel diminished in the 1950s had it not been for their loyalty to their clubs and, indeed, to the 15,000 pubs in the coalfield. Until the coal crisis the town of Wanne-Eickel, which attracts the kind of joke that Wigan has had to contend with for years, existed mainly from five pits. The miners and their families had the choice of 250 pubs.

Wanne-Eickel, incidentally, has a thermal spring, one of the warmest in West Germany. Several thousand people visit the town every year to take the water in the hope of curing rheumatic ailments or bronchitis. The spring was discovered many years ago during the sinking of a mine shaft.

Düsseldorf, the capital city of the *Land*, is the seat of the Government. It is often called the office of the Ruhr, for it is the home of the big banks and the headquarters of many large firms. It is more worldly-wise than Cologne and has shops of Paris and London standards. Bonn, the capital of the Federal Republic, remains, for all its efforts, to look like a big city, a village in comparison with Düsseldorf.

In education North Rhine-Westphalia has the reputation of being a progressive state. It introduced its first experimental comprehensive school in 1969 and there are now 18 of these schools with a total of more than 16,000 children. The *Land* Government has also pushed ahead with the introduction of full-day schools, something of a rarity still in West Germany ; usually German children start school at 8 am or soon after and finish at lunch time with a pile of homework. North Rhine-Westphalia have already about 120 full-day schools at which midday meals are provided.

Large farmland area

Although it is primarily an industrial *Land*, more than half its area is farmland, even though only 3.5 per cent of the working population is employed in agriculture. It produces half its own food requirements. It has about two million beef cattle, 700,000 dairy cows and 4,300,000 pigs.

Herr Heinz Kühn, a Social Democrat (he and Herr Helmut Schmidt, the federal Chancellor, are vice-chairmen of the party), has been the Premier of North Rhine-Westphalia since the end of 1966, for all that time in coalition with the Free Democratic Party. The Christian Democratic Union is the strongest single party in the *Land* Parliament.

The fact that the coalition was able to stay in office after the election on May 4 was greeted with a great sigh of relief in Bonn. Had the Christian Democrats come to power in Düsseldorf the shock to the Federal Government would have been difficult to overcome.

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Rhineland-Palatinate: tourism keeps the volcanoes bubbling profitably

The federal *Land* of Rhineland-Palatinate, in existence only since 1946, incorporates regions of varying economic strength, extending from the industrialized Rhine Valley on its eastern border to the volcanic areas of the Eifel to the north.

This is a *Land* in which the European Economic Community has become a stimulus to industrial activity, especially as it is a "new" state in a central position within the EEC, surrounded by industrialized conurbations—Mannheim - Ludwigshafen (Europe's biggest inland river port on one side of the Rhine and chemicals on the other) the modern concentrated heavy industries in Saarland to the east, the neighbouring financial capital of Frankfurt on Main, Stuttgart, the Ruhr farther north, and Lorraine just across the border with France.

It became essential to carry out large-scale restructuring with the setting up of the EEC. This soon led to improvements in the social, economic and cultural spheres.

West Germany's inflation, Europe's lowest, has through economic policies of reflation brought a million unemployed and the biggest trade surplus in the world. For the past 20 years the Rhineland-Palatinate, in common with other German states, has needed foreign workers because there are not enough nationals to meet the needs of industry. Today, with a population of only 3,500,000, the smallest among the federal *Länder*, it is fortunately not faced with the prospect of large-scale lay-offs.

A big advantage for the Pfalz, as the Palatinate is known to Germans, is its location at the intersection of international traffic routes connecting the important industrial and trading centres in West Germany and neighbouring European nations. Almost all the motorways which are planned, under construction or partially completed, take this factor into account.

Between the Kyll valley and the Rhine stands the plateau of the Vorder Eifel, a depressed area comprising a range of extinct volcanoes filled with water and forming perfectly circular lakes where volcanic eruptions had blown off the tops of mountains. The Eifel has about 50 of these volcanic cones consisting of slag, a survival from the ice age. The most striking range of volcanic remains are the Mosenberg, where four craters stand in line with a river of petrified lava on the slopes.

Not far from the Rhine is the lake of Laach, an almost perfect circle, five miles in circumference, surrounded by five extinct volcanoes. As well as arid, volcanic land, heavy falls of snow are prevalent in the Schnee Eifel, 30 miles north of the Hohe Eifel, where the mountains are at their highest.

Dividing the Eifel to the north from the Hunrück south of the river is the Moselle, famous for is splendid vineyards reaching high up the slopes of a beautiful, meandering, unspoilt waterway.

Reallocation of land and reafforestation, as well as tourism, have helped to combat much of the poverty of the Eifel and Hunrück, which drove inhabitants who could find no employment to leave. Life was almost intolerable for the peasants, who lived in small wooden cottages. The custom of divided inheritance reduced the size of holdings to below family subsistence level.

This in itself was responsible for the Eifel becoming one of the depressed areas of Germany and led many of its inhabitants to emigrate to other countries. From the Hunrück, for similar reasons, many Germans went to South America.

Apart from their spas, the volcanic features of the Eifel are of some economic importance.

Quarrying of basalt, of which the volcanic remains are made, is carried out for paving stones and for use as a road metal, or as a facing material for sea dykes in The Netherlands, for instance. The volcanic ash, too, is quarried and used in the manufacture of a light but strong building stone much used in the postwar rebuilding boom throughout West Germany.

While some farming is carried out under generally adverse conditions, brown coal, which is preserved under the lava from the volcanoes, can be reached by deep mining. There is some iron ore, which has given rise to a small iron industry, and excellent clay deposits have been used in making pottery.

Agate, found in the Hunrück, has led to the working of semi-precious stones in Idar-Oberstein on the Nahe, a tributary of the Rhine. This industry now relies on imported agate and other semi-precious stones from India and Brazil, as well as synthetic stones manufactured locally.

As the limited potentialities of the region diminish, successive governments, both federal and *Land*, have allotted financial aid for investment in the Eifel and Hunrück. Traces of former volcanic activity are still to be seen in the many hot and other mineral springs which have grown into spa towns and health resorts. Thus, the Government's investment in tourism in these otherwise underdeveloped areas has achieved a certain success.

To the east the Rhine enters its legendary and most romantic stretch, the 80-mile gorge between Bingen and Bonn whose mountains, rising steeply from its banks, have their summits crowned with famous landmarks of the days when castles were the guardians of this great commercial waterway.

The mountains are bare, undulating, desolate and formed of hard, dark, slate-like rock, the only cultivation being the vineyard terraces which cling to the precipitous sides of the gorge—in some cases they have done so for more than 1,000 years—to bring a living to the middle Rhinelanders and sustenance to wine connoisseurs the world over.

In those districts whose economic viability is well below the federal average, the less viable areas have been promoted for tourism and made more productive and attractive. Measures to improve the public services of areas which have been underdeveloped and the granting of development aid to industrial companies there have been facilitated by the law on local responsibility for the "improvement of the regional economic structure".

As has happened in the United Kingdom, the more widely the economic jam is spread across West Germany, the less impact it has in certain parts which were neglected. The extent to which the Eifel and Hunrück have been developed has been determined by the accessibility of industrial sites to the market, whether or not transport facilities have been improved, whether housing is satisfactory, and the creation of leisure amenities.

Federal and *Land* government aid of up to 25 per cent of the sum invested is being made available to companies. The locality determines the amount of any investment grant.

To satisfy the Government the investment must result in a direct increase in the economic strength of the development area, reflected in increased income for that region. But there are exceptions when the factory being built is dependent on local sources of raw material—for example, in the use of the volcanic ash of the Eifel in making building stone—or when the jobs are created for women.

It has been judged particularly important to restrain the growth of investment expenditure on building and construction projects because the scope for expansion there is limited and competition from imports is weak or almost non-existent. There is a risk that investment expenditure by the *Länder* and local authorities will be increased beyond existing spending plans in response to an expected increase in tax revenue.

The location of Rhineland-Palatinate on the Federal Republic's western border which was once a brake on economic development, has become an advantage. The gross national product has risen much more rapidly than the federal German average during the past few years as a result of the favourable development of industrial production and thanks to a fairly high proportion of growth industries. Nevertheless, the financial and economic power of the Pfalz is still below that of the Federal German average.

The Pfalz was one of the least prosperous areas of Germany. Today it is not the richest and not the poorest, with the largest and most important industrial district well established at the junction of the Rhine and the Main rivers. Although outside Palatinate territory, Frankfurt on Main has had undeniable influence through its proximity as the principal business metropolis of this part of Germany.

The *Land* capital, Mainz, has the seat of West Germany's first postwar university. Mainz had been a department of France until the restoration of the old frontiers between the two nations after France had tried to keep Germany weakened and divided at the end of the wars of religion. The Rhine provided a good location for Mainz, where Johannes Gutenberg developed printing, but the city lost its superior position among the cities of the Rhine to Worms.

This was the capital of the Burgundians where Kriemhild, the most beautiful woman in the world lived, where Siegfried betrayed her and Haben treacherously killed him, and where the treasure of the Niebelungen was thrown into the Rhine by Haben—all immortalized in epic opera by Wagner.

Always a great trading city and the centre of the wine business of the Rhine valley Mainz formed with Worms a great alliance of Rhineland cities between Cologne and Basle. With the protection of this league, Mainz became known as the Golden City because of the way commerce had prospered, but it lost its position to Frankfurt.

For 2,000 years wine has been the life of this beautiful, unspoilt and charming state. The Romans brought the vine with them and their vineyards soon flourished, no more so than on the pretty slopes of the winding and enchanting Moselle. The success of the vineyards owes much to the temperate climate combined with the fertile soil of the Rhine-Main and the sunny slopes of the Haardt and Wasgau ranges. The vineyards stretch for 50 miles along valleys whose inhabitants have tilled their soil for generations.

The more level stretches of Rhineland-Palatinate are covered with wheat and sugar-beet fields and plantations of hops for beer. Tobacco is also grown and there are many pine forests.

The needs of the wine trade gave birth to many small towns, some on Roman sites, using the little space at the foot of rocky precipices, and crowned by medieval castles. Thousands of visitors see them from the regular river steamers which ply between Cologne and Mainz until mid-October. Long-distance Rhine luxury ships with swimming pools on deck make the voyages from Rotterdam to Basle and back until late October.

For the navigators the Rhine gorge is the most treacherous part of the river and it is necessary to take a pilot in places. The most famous popular legend is that of the Lorelei, a maiden who lived on a steep rock which rose out of the river at St Goar and with her siren songs lured sailors to their death, by making the skipper forget to steer his boat so that it was wrecked. Shipwrecks occurred there frequently until a proper navigation channel was blasted in 1834.

The Rhine is joined by the Moselle and by the Lahn at Koblenz (meaning confluence), and this gives the only big town on the middle Rhine the advantages of being at a river crossroad.

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The needs of the wine trade gave birth to many small towns crowned by medieval castles. An examp Goarshausen with Burg Katz above. Many of the carefully-cultivated vineyard terraces have been th more than 1,000 years. Below: a quiet street in Blankenheim, in the Rhineland-Palatinate.



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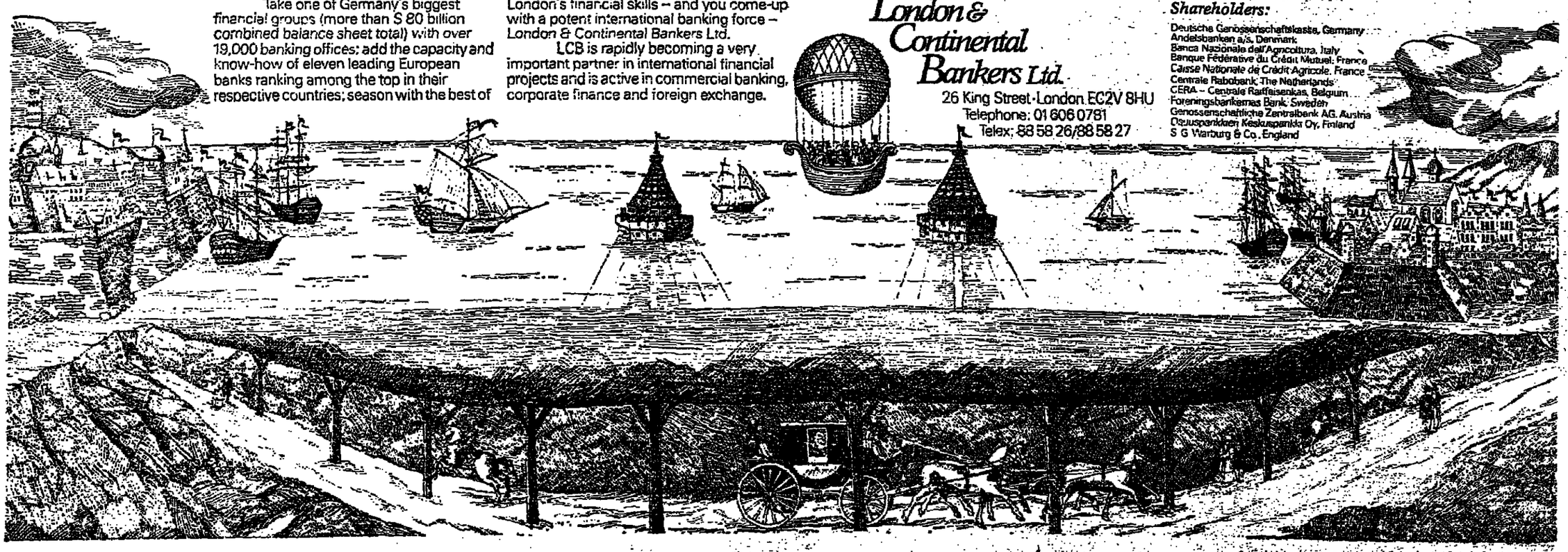
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the same time it was ed by incorporating areas of the Rhenish Palatinate. Until 1955, only political parties authorized by the military French Government were allowed in Saarland. The "pro-German" parties were forbidden.

After long negotiations the French and German Governments signed an agreement in 1954 on a European statute for Saarland in which the Saar people had to be asked to speak for themselves in a referendum. The French authorized the so-called pro-German parties to enter the lists.

The parties, groups and a unique organization called the Heimatbund, which were all opposed to the European statute, carried the day in the referendum and obtained a clear majority in the elections in the provincial diet. Conforming to the undertaken obligations, the French placed no obstacle in the way of the formation of a Saarland government. The aim of the negotiations was to allow the return of Saarland to Germany, while respecting French economic interests in the territory.

After the signing of the German-French agreement in Luxembourg on October 27, 1956, Saarland returned to German in January, 1957, and its reintegration with Germany was completed by July 5, 1959. Saarland now ranks as a *Land* of the Federal German Republic and is governed by Christian Democrats, of whom Dr Franz-Josef Roder is minister-president.

Every day now more than 12,000 bilingual commuters come from France to work in Saarland. The workers from Lorraine are attracted to Germany by the better job opportunities and the favourable rate of exchange.

The Saarland Government believes this European integration will advance as time goes on, and that it will strengthen the advantages Saarland offers as an industrial location and as an important economic region.

There have been iron works in the Saar since 1600, but coal mining on a big scale started in the 1850s, spreading along the deep and wide Saar valley. It is a hilly country and used to be widely covered with forests. Today about one-third of its attractive, undulating landscape has been enhanced and used to the full by the development of a nature reserve, green belts near cities for recreational purposes and several reservoirs.

The principal cities are Saarbrücken, the *Land* capital with 133,000 inhabitants, Neunkirchen with 46,000, formerly a village with nine churches and now an important metallurgical city, thanks to iron and coal. An iron foundry was installed there in 1590 by the counts of Saarbrücken.

Völklingen, with 41,800 people, had barely 70 houses 200 years ago. But now accounts for one third of the Saar's steel production. The iron and steel works had been in the hands of one German family for generations and, after being sequestered by the French Government in 1945, was returned to German control at the request of the Saarlanders.

Finally, there is Saarlouis, built in the middle of the marshes, with a population of 36,000.

Many coal mines in recent years have been partly closed because they are not considered to be profitable any more and also because coal is no longer the only source of energy. The number of people employed in the Saar's mining industry receded from 65,000 in 1958 to 28,000 in 1969, then dropped to 23,000 in 1973 because of the need for less pit coal. The number is expected to fall to 20,000 this year.

Before the energy crisis it was estimated that by 1980 no more than about 15,000 people would be required in mining in the Saar. If, meantime, coal production should be increased to meet changed demands for energy, there are adequate reserves of labour. A special feature came to be the large number of miners and industrial workers who were also smallholders. This has proved to be an advantage during times of economic recessions and shortages of food.

Between 1969 and 1973 the number of people employed in the Saar's iron and steel industries remained almost constant at 37,000. It is expected that this number will be reduced to a projected requirement of 32,000 by 1980 because of policies of eliminating wastage in labour, time and materials.

Although a healthy mining and an efficient iron and steel industry will continue to be the pillars of the Saar's economy, the *Land* is overcoming the one-sidedness of its economic structure with the aid of the new growing industries. The number of Saar people employed in industry fell from 175,000 in 1960 to 150,000 in 1968, then rose to 170,000 in 1971, falling away to 168,000 in 1973. Taking into account the present labour force, another 16,000 industrial working places will have to be made available by 1980.

To achieve this aim the Saar Government is pursuing its policy of improving the economic structure by expanding existing businesses and settling new ones. In 1960 half the industrial workers were occupied in coal and steel, whereas in 1973 only 37.3 per cent were. At the same time the proportion of people employed in industries other than coal and steel rose from 44 per cent to 62.7 per cent.

Recessions hit the Saar's economy particularly hard. The one in 1967 left it with 4 per cent of its labour force unemployed. Since then the percentage out of work dropped to 1.2 in 1970, compared with 0.8 for the Federal Republic as a whole, and has risen steadily to 4 per cent again in the present recession.

More than 70,000 workers left the area between 1961 and 1969 as a result of the crisis in coal and steel. These people, mostly of the younger generation, would be willing to return if they could find employment in the newly established industrial plants.

In spite of policies aimed at bringing new industries into the region, the loss of jobs has not been made up. Companies needing women workers would find them easier to locate in Saarland where only 21 per cent of the working female population is employed. At present the Saar is short of 22,000 jobs for women between 15 and 55 years.

The infrastructure of the Saar economy is being improved by a consistent policy of area planning, a steady extension of the road network and a liberal development of attractive leisure facilities and green belts. Moreover, Saarland being so compact, the central authorities, economic organizations and cultural institutions can keep in touch.

Waterway links leading to the Rhine and South German regions, to Alsace, Lorraine and Paris, to Luxembourg and Brussels, are being further improved with the canalization of the Saar river. These connexions to the international waterway network, affording large-scale navigation into Saarbrücken were voted for by the Federal Government in May 1973 and a final decision has just been reached on this.

The new Saar Canal is strengthening the ties with the European Economic Community, improving cooperation in the Saar-Lorraine-Luxembourg area and giving added impetus to industrial development in Saarland.

Today the basic industries are concerned with raw materials: the solid mineral industry, iron metallurgy, steel foundries, iron and cast-iron foundries, steel mills, the production of non-ferrous metals, petroleum and coal refining, the chemical industry, paper and rubber refining.

In addition, there are car manufacturing and boat-building, electronics, electromechanics, mechanical and optical equipment industries. As well as the manufacturing of leather, textiles and ceramics, many companies are engaged in the food industries.

The important political centres of Europe are near and Saarland is in the middle of a region which is becoming more important. European Community capitals—Brussels, Paris, Bonn, Geneva, and now London—are all easily reached. There is an airport at Ensheim, where the annual traffic increased to more than 100,000 passengers in 1971. This year the *Land* will have four motorways as well as the important railway centre, which is Saarbrücken.

Saarland can no longer be described as a frontier state, but rather a *Land* whose vocation is to be a shaft of union between different neighbouring countries.

Bearing a Celtic name, the region has an important Latin past. The Romans built Sarabruca with a fortress to defend their community, situated at a crossroads between Strasbourg-Trier, and Metz-Mainz.

More than 60 years ago the present city of Saarbrücken emerged from the union of St Johann, on the opposite bank of the Saar river, and Malstatt-Burbach. My first impression was of a capital business city, a showplace attracting French customers—and likely to attract a great deal more attention from the British now that Britain has decided to remain in the EEC.

Saarbrücken University was founded by the French in 1948 and a Franco-German high school educating young French and Germans to be bilingual produced its first students with a Franco-German *baccalaureat* in 1972.

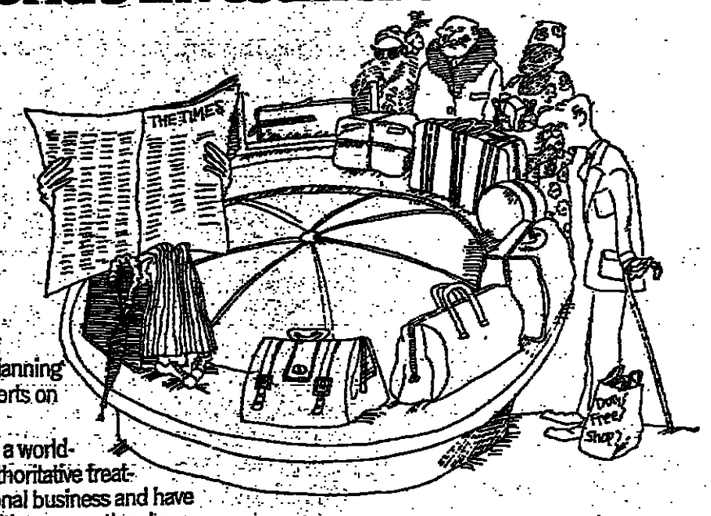
If the industrial cities appear grey, the people can relax by visiting their still wild countryside nearby. Only a quarter of Saarland is covered by industry, the greater part is still rural with mountains and forests. Not far away can be found the vineyards of the Moselle river and the Belgian Ardennes.

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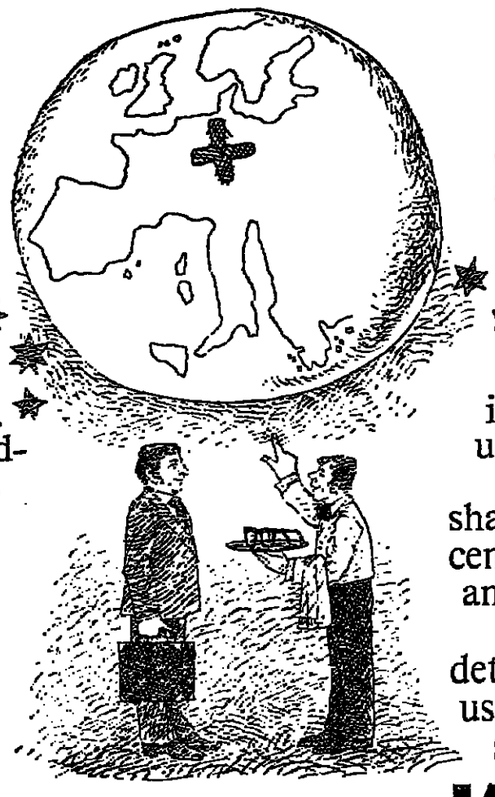
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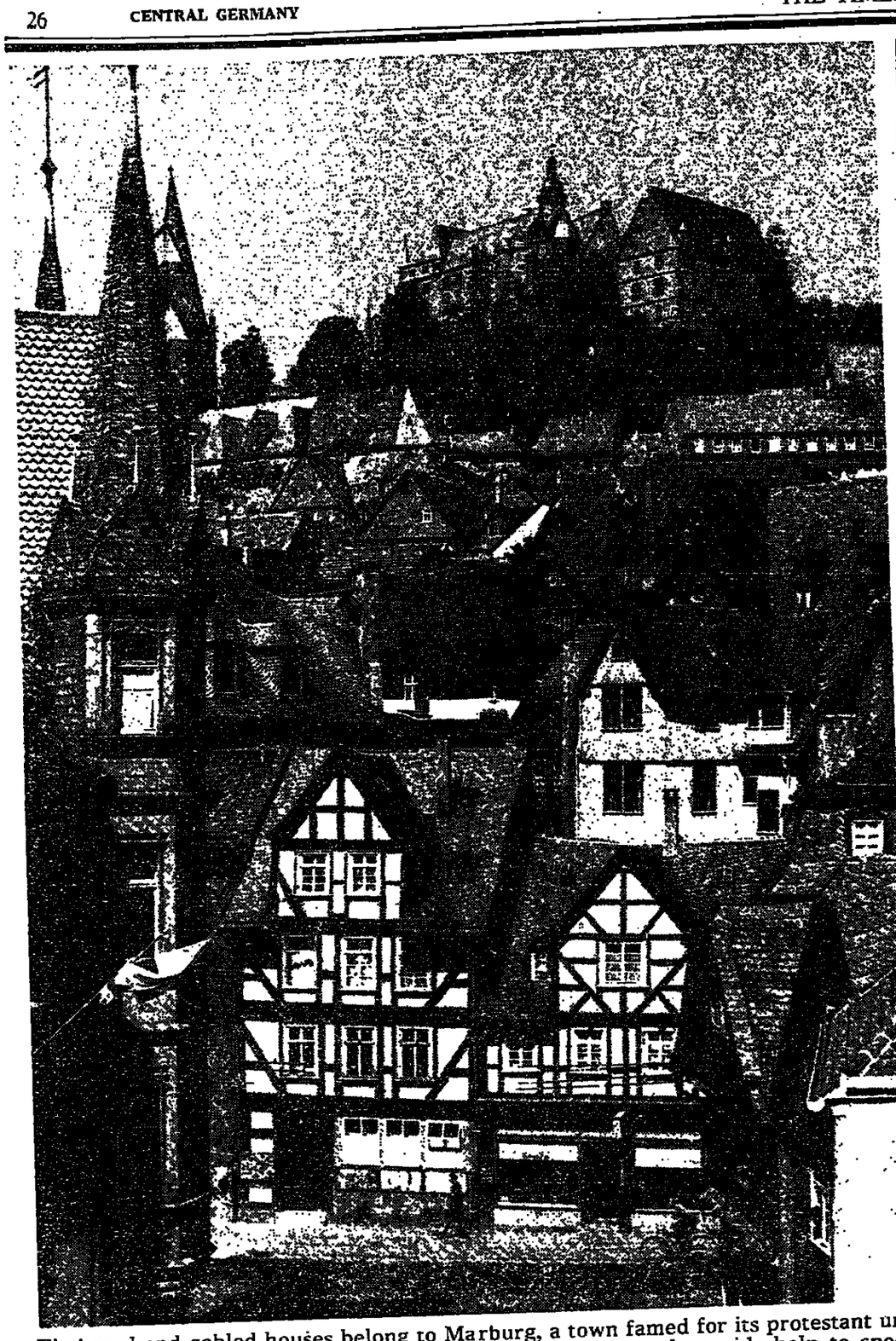
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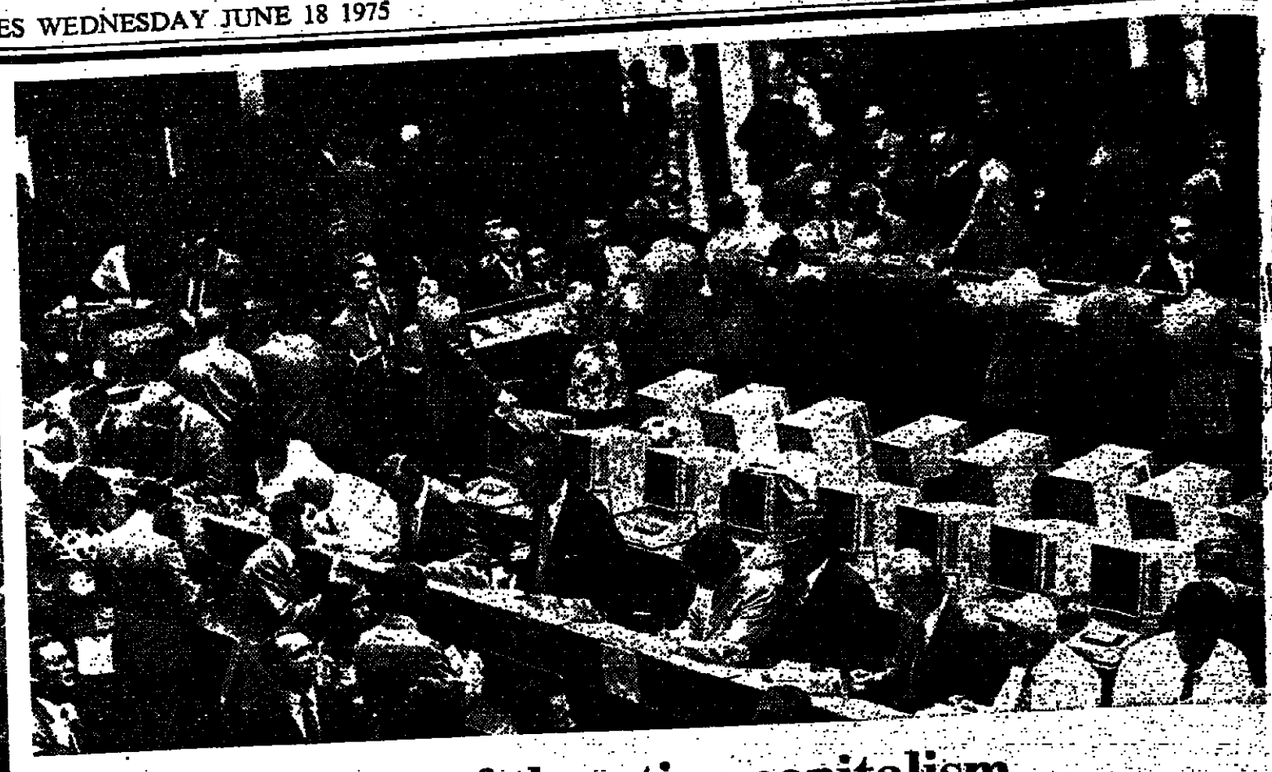
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Timbered and gabled houses belong to Marburg, a town famed for its protestant university, founded by Philip of Hesse in 1527. Top right: modern aids help to speed business inside the Frankfurt Stock Exchange.

Hesse: a picture of thrusting capitalism

Since the Second World War, Hesse has had a unique political history among the *Länder* of West Germany. Its governments, whether one party or coalition, have been led without break by the Social Democrats. Such political continuity in "Red Hesse" has left an unmistakable mark on the *Land*.

Hesse, covering an area of 21,000 square kilometres and with a population of about 5,600,000, is the fourth largest and fifth most populous state in West Germany. It is also one of the more prosperous. Accounting for about 10 per cent of West Germany's gross national product, its output and income are higher than the national average.

Although the state covers a large and varied region, Hesse has a generally sound and balanced economic structure. Neither the weaker areas bordering on East Germany nor the booming Rhine-Main basin centred on Frankfurt have proved to be unmanageable difficulties for the administration in Wiesbaden.

Hesse is ruled by a coalition of the Social Democrat (SPD) and Free Democrat parties under Herr Albert Osswald, the SPD premier. The present Government is Herr Osswald's third and took office with a small majority on December 18 last year.

Herr Osswald's latest administration began at a difficult time for Germany and for Hesse. In 1974 the West German economy stagnated and no real growth is expected this year.

One result of the recession has been a fall in state revenue from taxation. That means that much of Hesse's economic planning will have to be revised at the end of the year.

Hesse is unique among the German *Länder* for the extent to which it has taken to state planning. The current plan, Hesse 80, sets the guidelines for the state's development up to 1985. Its long-term objective is to make Hesse a modern state and more advanced than the other West German *Länder*.

The plan for 1975 to 1978 is intended to promote the general objectives of giving the citizens as much equality of opportunity and uniformity in standard of living as possible. It foresees among other things the creation of 15,000 jobs and the safeguarding of a further 22,000 in weaker areas or industries through state-encouraged rationalization or retraining.

The state plans to build 31,000 dwellings and modernize a further 14,000. The Social Ministry's planned investments range from providing 18,000 kindergarten places to rehousing 8,540 pensioners. It remains to be seen how much of the plan will be rewritten but unless there is an unexpected change of government it is certain to retain a distinct socialist accent.

The Social Democrat predominance in government has made its mark on Hesse's social scene. Two years ago, for example, Hesse ended the class system for hospital beds. In education the state is now promoting the concept of the *Gesamtschule*—a type of comprehensive in which children of all ranges of ability between the ages of seven and 19 will be brought under one roof.

The scheme has provoked opposition among parent groups, has provoked criticism from neighbouring states and has caused some anxiety among the Free Democrat junior members of the Hesse Government. However, officials at the Social Ministry in Wiesbaden point out that the state's earlier initiative to concentrate rural schools into single units had met the same sort of opposition but had since been adopted throughout Germany.

In fact Hesse long ago retreated from doctrinaire socialism. The ambitions of the early 1950s to nationalize basic industries such as mining and electricity production have long been forgotten. Although the powers to nationalize still remain on the statute book, in economic terms Hesse presents a picture of thrusting capitalism.

Driving into Frankfurt from the west one is impressed and rather overawed by the rash of new office building. Here lies the financial and commercial power-house of the state. Not only is Germany's central bank, the Bundesbank, based in Frankfurt but the big three commercial banks—Deutsche Bank, Dresdner Bank and Commerzbank—also have their headquarters in the city.

Frankfurt is at the centre of a major industrial region. Dotted along the river Main from Hanau in the east to Mainz in the west are factories of all sizes. Just to the west of Frankfurt are the big chemical complex of Hoechst, a large Caltex oil refinery and the Opel car plant.

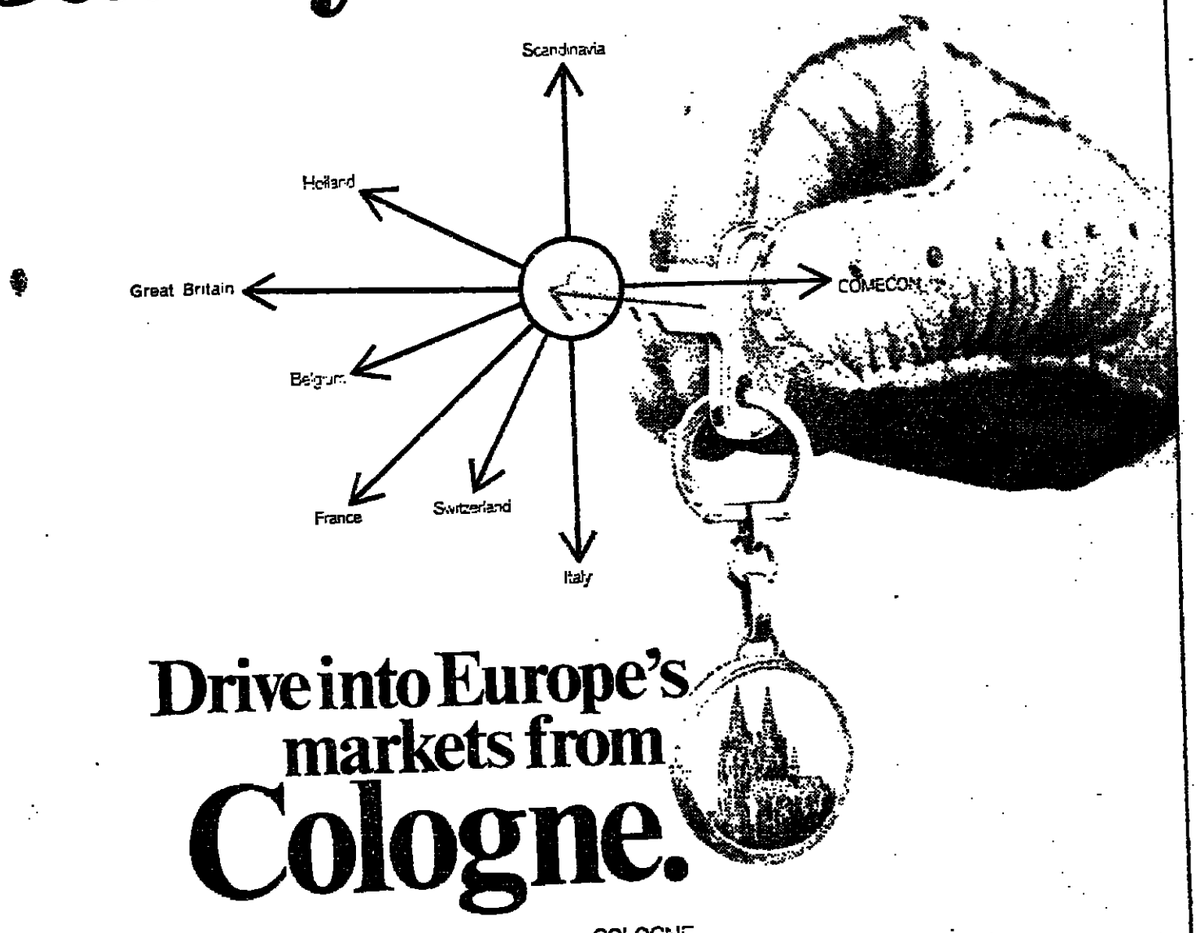
The new Rhein-Main airport is proving a stimulus to industrial growth as will the Main-Danube canal which, when completed in the 1980s, will provide a navigable waterway from the Black Sea to the Rhine delta.

Frankfurt is a brash, noisy city where the continual noise of pneumatic drills testifies to its growth as a commercial centre. The great expansion of building in recent ye not been entirely be Residential housing west end has given tower blocks, haste drift to the suburbs creasing social ten the city. It has al dened Frankfurt wit creasingly serious problem as more ar commuters drive to

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The TUC and the CBI say that in January each year, the office should put forward its proposals for a work programme to be carried out during the following year, together with an assessment of what had been achieved in the previous year.

The year's work programme would, with the aid of a general economic forecast, attempt to identify a ser of main problems which ought to be tackled by the nation and on which the advice and deliberations of the council would be likely to have some effect. The paper says the Treasury should be much more forthcoming with forecasting data.

"The present inhibition on the Treasury and the Chancellor himself, whereby no discussion of the major economic parameters can take place in the weeks and months prior to the Budget is now an anachronism," the paper says.

At what appeared, for the NEDC, to be a very positive meeting, the council, chaired by the Prime Minister, was also told that the Government had agreed to a significant change in Treasury strategy, under which approvals for nationalized industry investment programmes will be speeded up.

The Treasury has agreed to bring forward by six months the date on which it gives approval each year to nationalized industry programmes, and also to extend the period which that approval covers from three to four years. This means approvals would normally be given in midsummer.

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Mr Benn optimistic on cost of N. Sea stake

By Geoffrey Browning
Parliamentary Staff

Government participation in North Sea oil, even over the short term, would cost much less than some MPs had predicted, Mr Wedgwood Benn, Secretary of State for Energy, said yesterday. He was speaking to MPs on the Petroleum and Submarines Pipelines Bill.

"I should be surprised if the total cost over the next few years was more than a fraction of the cost of developing all known oil fields, and it will be our aim in negotiations to recover this cost quickly", Mr Benn said.

He was replying to a demand by Mr Patrick Jenkins, Opposition spokesman on Energy, for a statement on the cost of participation and the likely effects on the public sector borrowing requirement.

"The establishment of the National Oil Account will not itself affect the public sector borrowing requirement at all, since it does not affect either public sector needs or revenues", Mr Benn said.

The Government's own financing need, he felt, would be better served by the National Oil Account than by the conventional nationalized industries' financial structure. With the financing structure of this Bill, all BNOC revenues would be paid into the account where it would be available for use by the Government for day to day requirements.

Under the conventional nationalized industries' structure, industries had been retaining possession of their own surpluses and were not required by statute to invest them in Government debt, even though in practice they often did.

Mr Benn said that participation gave the nation a direct title to a proportion of the oil produced and a direct knowledge and expertise. It would be against the public interest for the Government to show their hand in too much detail.

Industrial output drops to level barely ahead of 3-day week

By Melvyn Westlake

British industry is now barely producing more than it was during the three-day week emergency in the first months of 1974. In April alone, total production fell by 0.9 per cent, according to figures published yesterday by the Central Statistical Office. Excluding the exceptional period during the winter of 1973-74, the average level of output in the three months to the end of April was lower than at any time since the late summer of 1972.

This strongly suggests that the economic recession in Britain is still deepening at a time when there is increasing evidence that in other industrialized countries the decline in industrial activity may be "bottoming out". Moreover, the marked post-Budget fall in the level of consumer demand in the high street may lead to still a further drop in industrial output.

The figures provide an ominous pointer to the trend in unemployment over the next few months as falling output and declining demand for industry's products will almost certainly oblige companies to slim their workforces.

Hitherto during the present recession, industrial output, which accounts for just under 45 per cent of the total gross domestic product, has fallen rather less sharply than in some other industrialized countries. Japanese industrial production has fallen nearly 20 per cent and West German by about 10 per cent. In the United States, output has declined by some 13 per cent in the last eight months. By contrast, Britain's industrial output has fallen by some 7½ per cent from its peak during the third quarter of 1973.

A similar fall has been registered by the manufacturing sector alone, which is the main component of industrial output, but excludes mining, construction and the gas and electricity utilities. However, the drop in the manufacturing sector's output in April was only marginal, following the sharp drop in March, with the non-manufacturing sector responsible for the latest fall. Even so, the textile, metal manufacturing and food, drink and tobacco industries are all shown to have cut back output in April.

Although the level of economic activity in the other main industrialized countries is still depressed, Japan has now joined West Germany and the United States in taking measures to stimulate business and this has led to rising hopes that an upturn in the international economy could be underway by the autumn.

This would have the effect of increasing demand for British exports and boosting the level of the country's industrial production. However, this will not provide any support for several months to come. In the meantime, output is likely to show little improvement.

INDUSTRIAL OUTPUT

The following are the index numbers of industrial production in April, seasonally adjusted, released by the Central Statistical Office yesterday (1970=100):

		All Industries	Mfacting Total
1972	Q1	98.2	98.6
	Q2	102.7	101.1
	Q3	102.9	102.3
	Q4	105.8	105.4
1973	Q1	109.9	109.9
	Q2	109.6	110.0
	Q3	110.7	111.5
	Q4	109.5	110.5
1974	Q1	103.7	106.0
	Q2	108.0	109.6
	Q3	108.7	110.3
	Q4	105.3	106.1
1975	Q1	104.5	105.5
May		107.6	108.8
June		108.8	110.6
July		109.3	110.8
Aug		109.1	111.2
Sept		107.7	109.0
Oct		106.7	107.1
Nov		106.2	107.3
Dec		102.9	103.8
1975			
Jan		105.0	106.8
Feb		105.0	106.4
March		103.4	103.3
April		102.5	103.2

Poseidon to seek £3.3m from rights issue

By Andrew Wilson
Mining Correspondent

Early in 1970 the brightest star in the mining world, Poseidon, was capitalized at £315m after the shares had leapt from a mere 25p the previous September to a peak of £124.

At the time there were enthusiastic brokers' circulars estimating that earnings in 1974-75 would be around $A37m (about £17m) at ruling exchange rate.

Yesterday, the Australian nickel producer announced a rights issue on a one-for-one basis at $A1.50 to raise $A5.6m (£3.3m). In addition, it forecast losses amounting to $A3m in the year now ending after a loss at the interim stage of $965,000.

These losses arise from unusual cyclonic rains in February which not only interrupted production but also cut road and railway links. Depressed metal prices and commissioning of new plant and equipment also affected the results. The shares dropped 40p to 370p, putting a value on the company of £14m.

The early excitement centred on the company's Mt Windarra nickel prospects with company forecasts in 1971 that production would rise from the last quarter of 1972 from an annual rate of 700,000 tonnes of nickel ore to 1.2 million tonnes within five or six years.

But the difficulties in finding suitable partners and arranging sales contracts to finance the development eventually resulted in Western Mining Corporation, Australia's largest nickel producer, taking a 50 per cent stake in the lease area in exchange for $15m to be spent on development.

As against earlier estimates of over 23 million tonnes of ore made during the heat of the share-buying spree, Poseidon's 1974 report stated that proved and probable reserves at Mt Windarra were only 5.6 million tonnes.

Sterling in slide to fresh low

By Tim Congdon

Sterling fell back on the foreign exchanges again yesterday. The effective depreciation rate at the close was 26.5 per cent—the lowest level the pound has ever reached. It compares with an effective depreciation rate of 26.2 per cent at the close on Monday.

But the markets were fairly quiet and the volume of selling was not heavy. The Bank of England did not intervene to bolster the rate, which has now fallen by 4 per cent in less than two months.

Dealers attributed the low level of business partly to a public holiday in Germany which closed foreign exchange markets there. The main unsettling factors were continuing concern about Britain's inflation and the prospect of a national rail strike if current negotiations break down.

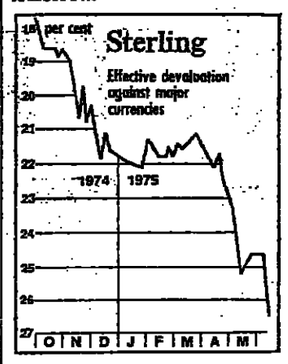
The pound lost ground against most currencies, including the dollar. It closed at $2.2720, which was 35 points down on the day, after being as low as $2.2680 at one stage. The lowest effective depreciation rate recorded during the day was 26.7 per cent.

Shares drift: Stock markets continued to drift lower as the City nervously watched the progress of the pound and awaited developments on the threatened national rail strike. Selling was light and shares closed above the worst levels. The FT index ended with a fall of 4.9 at 330.6.

Rights issues and company results provided a number of features. The property sector turned higher after Land Securities had disclosed details of the revaluation of its portfolio.

But the leading industrial shares again fell away on lack of interest. Turnover was low. Amplified turnover statistics for Monday show that equity trading was worth only £48.6m—barely half of the levels seen in February and March.

Among the consumer stocks, shares in J. Lyons, the food and hotel group, shaded lower ahead of the trading results, due tomorrow.



Coats to roll forward interim payment

By Margaret Drummond

Coats Patons, the Glasgow-based textile company which upset the City about three weeks ago by dropping its final dividend, because of inflation and advanced corporation tax problems, made it clear yesterday when it published annual accounts that it is unrepentant despite the adverse reaction of many institutional investors.

Mr Charles Bell, the retiring chairman, outlined proposals that would be put into effect "with a view to overcoming some of the short-term difficulties" caused by the decision. In particular the group is rolling forward its forecast interim dividend for payment in December instead of January.

This was suggested by some of the institutions who had meetings with the company shortly after the preliminary figures, and will favour mainly the unit and investment trusts, many of whom work to a calendar year end.

But it is unlikely to be of much benefit to the pension funds or small shareholders. For them Coats has organized a novel bulk-selling programme through which income-conscious shareholders who would otherwise be penalized by the high commission payable on small bargains can sell the one-for-25 scrip offered by the company at average rates.

News that the dropping of the dividend was considered to be a "one-off decison in quite exceptional circumstances" and of a forecast 4.17p per share gross dividend from 1975 profits helped Coats's shares which rose 3p to 49p.

It is nearly two weeks since the Investment Protection Committee for the unit trust industry recommended its members to vote against the accounts at the Coats annual meeting to be held in Glasgow next month. It will consider its position after yesterday's mollifying moves at a meeting later this week.

The pension funds are still mulling over the possibilities of taking some action, although a spokesman for the insurance companies confirmed that given the clarification on future dividend policy, no action was being contemplated.

Coats might have some problems with charity trusts, many of whom are forbidden by law to use capital including scrip issues for income. The Church Commissioners, which holds about 1 per cent of Coats total equity and which relies on dividend income to pay the clergy, appears to be considering further pressure on Coats's board.

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Land Secs portfolio down £256m

By Adrienne Gleeson

More than £256m has been wiped off the book value of the completed properties of Land Securities Investment Trust, Britain's largest property company, by an end-March revaluation by Knight, Frank & Rutley.

Assuming a willing vendor and a willing purchaser, the revaluation brings the book value of completed properties down to £805m, and after taking properties held for development at their aggregate cost of £111m, the property portfolio overall has come back from £1,150m to £916m. The last revaluation was undertaken in March 1973.

Reflecting the rise in net short-term borrowings from £35.6m to £68.7m, overall interest charges for the year to end-March rose from £29.4m to £33.9m. But the increase relates almost entirely to development properties and to the continuing policy of buying in the convertible unsecured loan stock. Interest payable on completed properties has risen from £18.9m to £20m.

Land Securities has increased its dividend by the maximum permissible.

There has been a below-the-line transfer from reserves in respect of development properties of £7.32m as against £4.08m

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Israeli pound devalued 2pc

The Israeli Cabinet decided last night on a two per cent currency devaluation and gave a ministerial committee an option to effect similar devaluations at 30 day intervals. The exchange rate from tomorrow will be 6.12 Israel pounds per United States dollar.

This means the government is against breaking the Israel pound's traditional link with the dollar

Approval almost certain for Stern scheme

By Desmond Quigley

After the creditors' meetings of 66 companies in the Stern property group, it seems certain that enough votes have been gathered for the Scheme of Arrangement, embodying a three year moratorium on the payment of debts, to be put into effect, subject to approval of the High Court.

At a creditors' meeting of Stern Family Holdings, one of the companies, the Crown Agents apparently voted in favour of the scheme as an unsecured creditor.

The position of the Crown Agents, which is both a secured and unsecured creditor, is still uncertain after the announcement on Monday that counsel's advice was being taken apparently over the status of some of its loans.

OECD countries uncertain of world trade position

From Richard Wigg
Paris, June 17

Several countries expressed the worry during a two-day meeting of the economic policy committee of the 24-nation Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development which ended here this evening, if the forecast upsurge later this year of economic activity would have sufficient staying power to right an uncertain world trade position.

The worry was particularly expressed by the smaller member countries from Western Europe and Scandinavia, as well as Britain, because the economic downturn has proved worse than expected and the sharpest in terms of output and employment since the last war.

Against them were the United States, West Germany and Japan, which were confident of signs of a modest recovery, though they recognized it was proving slower than had been expected.

Summing up the meeting, Britain's Sir Douglas Allen said that these three countries had taken the line a "wait and see" attitude was now most appropriate, though they had promised to keep the situation under close review and take action if needed at a later stage. indicated that it reckoned there could be an upturn of economic activity in the second half of this year among the seven biggest member countries of an annual equivalent of 3 to 4 per cent, compared with last year. This contrasts with a falling level of activity equivalent to 5 per cent annually for the first half of this year.

OECD area exports, they believe, after a sharp decline in the first half of this year, are likely to flatten out and then could move to a 6 per cent annual equivalent rise in the first six months of next year.

But the experts confessed they saw little prospect of a change in the unemployment situation, now running at an estimated 14 million for the OECD area as a whole by the year's end. They calculated that the United States jobless figure was likely to stay at 9 per cent, West Germany's at 4 per cent, France's just below 4 per cent, Britain's 3.5 per cent.

This was because the kind of expansion expected now at the bottom of the trough would be more a return to normal hours for those now on short time than the creation of new jobs.

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...r Vielvoye
Correspondent

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A tanker moving the first cargo of oil from the Hamilton Brothers group Argyll field was last night berthing at British Petroleum's Isle of Grain refinery in Kent before an official ceremony to bring the oil ashore today, at which the chief guest will be Mr Wedgwood Benn, the new Secretary of State for Energy.

The float-out of the first concrete production platform for the North Sea is scheduled to start on June 29 and oil from the Beryl field should start to flow in December at a rate of about 25,000 barrels a day. By 1977 the flow rate should have built up to a maximum 100,000 barrels a day.

Tricentrol guarantee: The Government has given Tricentrol an interim guarantee of £3m against bridging finance for development of the company's North Sea interests in the Thistle field. This was announced in Parliament yesterday by Mr Wedgwood Benn. The £3m forms part of the maximum sum of £38.3m for which the Government is prepared to guarantee Tricentrol to enable it to raise long term finance on Thistle.

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...new chairman is Mr John ...y, chairman of Davy ...tional, the process plant ...ers, who is to take on ...st in an acting and non-...ve capacity only while ...rrent reconstruction of ...t takes place.

Mr Buckley's appointment came as no surprise. In March, as the various reports on a rescue of the Herbert group began to get under way, he was nominated by the Department of Industry to the Herbert board as a non-executive director.

The increase in the government guarantee was announced in a written Commons reply by Mr Gregor Mackenzie, the new Minister of State for Industry. It now means that £5m of Herbert's bank overdraft is guaranteed by the Government.

British Airways poised for £6m servicing work

By Arthur Reed
Air Correspondent

British Airways is expected to sign contracts worth £6m a year in the near future under which it will carry out engineering maintenance on the Lockheed Tri-Star airbus for four foreign airlines.

The airlines are Saudia, of Saudi Arabia; Gulf Air, Cathay Pacific, a British operator with its base in the Far East; and LTU, a West German charter company. All have either taken TriStars into their fleet, or have ordered them for delivery shortly.

BA already carries out maintenance for foreign carriers worth £4m a year. The contracts which are expected shortly will in the future represent some 30 per cent of its engineering workload.

Mr Roy Watts, chief executive of the BA European division, said yesterday that he expected the London-Glasgow shuttle air service to carry 630,000 passengers in its first year of operation, compared with 540,000 on a more traditional service where passengers would book in advance.

Date set for more monetary talks

Luxembourg, June 17—A special session of the finance ministry and central bank experts group of the EEC monetary committee has called a meeting for June 27 in an attempt to arrive at a common stand on reforming the international monetary system.

The committee is to prepare a draft on the subject for the finance ministers and central bankers next meeting on July 10, committee officials said.

Redland aims to raise £7m

Redland, the building materials group with substantial interests overseas, is planning to raise £7.8m by way of a rights issue. The issue is to be made on a one-for-seven basis at 67p a share and the proceeds will be used for further expansion, principally overseas.

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How the markets moved

FT index: 330.6 −4.9
The Times index: 139.43 −1.51

Rises

Amal Inv	2½p to 4½p	Hammerson	5p to 400p
Brit & Comm	7p to 162p	Herbert A.	1p to 5p
Coats Patons	3p to 48p	Land Secs	8p to 181p
Crown Secs	3p to 22p	Steel Bros	5p to 232p
Dunlop Hldgs	1p to 52p	Teacher	10p to 195p
EMI	2p to 175p	Union Corp	5p to 515p
FC Cons	2p to 32p	Weyburn Eng	15p to 210p

Falls

Barclays Bk	5p to 305p	Int Hldgs	10p to 845p
Brit Am Tob	5p to 325p	Lloyds Bk	5p to 255p
Brit Sugar	13p to 380p	Norwest Holst	2p to 18p
Distillers	3½p to 136½p	Reed Int	8p to 240p
Fisons	7p to 403p	Tate & Lyle	16p to 230p
Glaxo Hldgs	7p to 368p	Unilever	6p to 378p
GKN	5p to 243p	WGI	5p to 54p

Equities drifted lower in this trade.
Gilt-edged securities were quiet.
Sterling fell by 35 points to $2.2720. The "effective devaluation" rate was 26.5 per cent.
Gold rose by 25 cents to $164.25 an oz.

SDR-$ was 1.24869 on Tuesday, while SDR-£ was 0.550447.

Commodities: Reuters' index closed at 1,061.5 (1,055.8 on Monday)

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THE POUND

	Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia $	1.76	1.71
Austria Sch	38.75	36.75
Belgium Fr	84.00	81.25
Canada $	2.36	2.31
Denmark Kr	12.50	12.10
Finland Mkk	8.25	8.00
France Fr	9.25	8.95
Germany DM	5.40	5.20
Greece Dr	68.00	66.00
Hongkong $	11.40	11.05
Italy Lr	1430.00	1390.00
Japan Yn	690.00	665.00
Netherlands Gld	5.55	5.35
Norway Kr	11.25	10.90
Portugal Esc	55.75	53.75
S Africa Rd	2.00	1.90
Spain Pes	128.50	123.50
Sweden Kr	9.05	8.75
Switzerland Fr	5.75	5.55
US $	2.31	2.26
Yugoslavia Dnr	38.25	36.50

Rates for bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers cheques and other foreign currency business.

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BODYCOTE INTERNATIONAL LIMITED

(Textile Processing; Industrial Protective Clothing; Industrial and General Textiles)

For the year ended December 31st 1974:		
Turnover up	23%	to £23,472,398
Pretax profits up	19%	to £1,685,341
Earnings per share	3.18p	(1973: 2.66p)
Dividend	12.302%	(1973: 11.38%)
Assets per share	17.63p	(1973: 14.79p)

Extracts from the Annual Report for 1974, by the Chairman, Mr. J. C. Dwek.

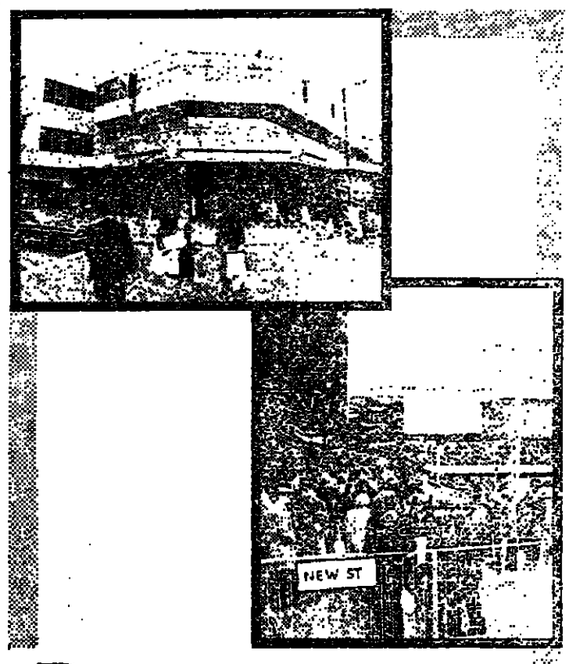
"Profits increased during a year of general recession. Corporate development has been positive despite the textile industry contending with imported competition and declining consumer demand.

Increased working capital was made available to expand the protective clothing and safety division.

The first quarter of this year has seen a satisfactory trading result which, hopefully, will continue throughout the year. The Board remains confident of the future of the Group, which has important overseas earnings."

Copies of the Report and Accounts which were available at the AGM, held on June 17th in the Midland Hotel, Manchester, can be obtained from the Secretary.

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Call for state industries to be more commercial

By Malcolm Brown

Priority must be given to the basic commercial role of public enterprises if they are to be efficient, Sir Derek Ezra, chairman of the National Coal Board said in London yesterday.

Sir Derek, who was addressing the annual conference of the European Centre of Public Enterprises, said that it was essential for those state enterprises working in the basic industries—energy, steel and transport—to give due weight to long-term strategic considerations.

Europe's public enterprises faced a range of similar problems and there was a large measure of common ground in the solutions, the NCB chairman said.

Although state enterprises had to take account of the public interest, they had become increasingly subject to direction, to an extent not envisaged when they were set up. They had been used for the control of inflation by price restraint and as instruments of regional and employment policy.

"There will of course from time to time be conflicts between the interests of the Government as the shareholder of the public enterprises and the interests of that Government in other aspects of public policy", he said.

"In my view, this conflict is inescapable from time to time, but I think that great care must be taken in the way that particular conflicts are resolved."

Nairobi exchange suspends deals

All dealings were suspended yesterday on the Nairobi stock exchange until clarification is obtained of a new capital gains tax introduced in the Budget last week by Mr Mwai Kibaki, the Kenya finance minister.

The tax appears to be a flat 15 per cent levy on all sales of shares and property, but with provision for refund if it can be proved that the actual capital gain is less than that.

NEDO wants new approach over planning by nationalized sectors

By Peter Hill
Industrial Correspondent

Nationalized industry chiefs have called on both main political parties to identify more closely with the long-term strategies of the public sector of industry.

This view is supported by the National Economic Development Office (NEDO) in a detailed study of nationalized industry relationships with supplying industries, which was considered yesterday by the National Economic Development Council together with a paper on public sector investment programmes prepared by the Treasury.

The NEDO paper said its investigations had demonstrated the need for a new approach to planning by the nationalized industries, their suppliers and the Government which would be reinforced if bipartisan commitments to long-term strategies could be secured.

Both papers derived from the NEDC meeting in February which commissioned investigations designed to achieve greater stability in public sector investment programmes, and bring about improvements in the flow of information to suppliers of plant and machinery.

The NEDO study revealed that the main problem which had emerged in relationships with suppliers was the credibility of information supplied.

Suppliers emphasized that their forward planning was disrupted by delays and uncertainties arising from procedures adopted in regard to individual project approvals by sponsoring government departments. These varied greatly, and NEDO has called for a more detailed investigation.

Nationalized industries which bought plant calling for similar production facilities should aim at a smoother flow of orders to suppliers by joint planning and coordination of purchasing.

The office has also called for a study of a system of minimum annual orders, in particular for the coal, electricity, steel and rail industries to generate the confidence needed for investment and manpower planning by suppliers.

In relation to longer-term planning, the NEDO study suggested that the nationalized industries needed to be able to discuss their programmes with suppliers with more assurance than was possible at present.

It added: "This will require more positive guidance by the Government about their own longer-term policies and about the inter-relationships between individual major programmes.

Challenge to Ford claim in publicity

By Clifford Webb

British Leyland are to make a formal complaint to the Advertising Standards Authority about current Ford advertisements which claim that a 1300cc Cortina is cheaper to run than an 850cc Mini.

A spokesman for British Leyland said: "We like a bit of competition in advertising. It keeps our advertising agencies on their toes. But this is going too far. Ford have selected a set of old statistics—September to November 1974—which omit one of the most important cost factors, that of depreciation. This amounts to several hundred pounds a year. "The depreciation on the Mini is much less than that of the Cortina."

The Ford advertisement quotes the AA's *Drive* magazine as its authority for claiming that the Cortina 1300 costs 3.54p per mile to run compared with the mini's 3.69p.

British Leyland were themselves in trouble recently with advertisements quoting from *Motorist's Guide*,

Another standstill facing Chrysler

By R. W. Shakespeare

Chrysler gave a warning last night that all of its car assembly operations in Britain would again be brought to a standstill next week unless a strike by 360 workers at one of the company's Coventry component plants was called off.

Last night the prospects of early settlement seemed slim after an attempt by an officials of the Advisory Conciliation and Arbitration Service to find a basis for negotiations had failed. Union representatives of the strikers had turned down a management proposal to take the dispute to formal arbitration.

This new trouble for Chrysler concerns a claim by the workers at the Coventry plant, which makes plastic components for the company's entire car range, that they should receive payment for time when they were laid off during the recent pay strike by 4,500 workers at the company's central engines factory, also in Coventry.

About 10,000 workers in nine of British Leyland's Rover car plants—seven in the Midlands and two in Cardiff—continued their strike in support of pay demands yesterday.

Ford is expected to announce today that terms have been agreed with union negotiators to end the eight weeks strike by 80 doorhangers and welders which has stopped all car production at the company's Dagenham plant.

Production at three British Steel Corporation plants in South Wales was disrupted yesterday after strike action by about 7,000 workers who are in dispute with local managements over revised working schedules.

At Port Talbot, Llanwern and East Moors, Cardiff, production of steel was at a standstill, although half of the 800 strikers at the East Moors plant decided later to return to work.

The men at Port Talbot, where, according to local union officials, 4,000 men have stopped work, are opposing the ending of weekend working,

UK company to build Japanese presses

An agreement which will lead ultimately to the manufacture in Britain of Japanese presses has been finalized by the TCK Group, the Blackburn-based engineering company.

Under the terms of the deal, reached with Aida Engineering the largest Japanese manufacturer of presses, and Marubeni, the Japanese industrial and trading group, TCK will initially import Aida presses into the United Kingdom and the Irish Republic. This is to be followed by the formation of a joint manufacturing company.

Mr Stephen Rowlinson, chairman of TCK, said yesterday that despite the strong demand for presses in the United Kingdom, the most advanced machines were only available as imports. "This situation has led to major investment plans for companies such as British Leyland having serious balance of payments implications."

The first big order for an Aida press has come from the Raleigh Industries division of Tube Investments.

Leasing has 7 pc share of capital expenditure

Leasing now accounts for 7 per cent of all capital expenditure in Britain, Mr Geoffrey Dodsworth MP, chairman of the Equipment Leasing Association says in his annual report.

The 34 member companies of the association, formed four years ago, now hold assets valued at more than £1,000m.

ICI strike spreads

A strike at Imperial Chemical Industries' two chemical plants at Billingham and Wilton spread yesterday when transport workers walked out to join craftsmen who struck in support of a pay claim. Nearly 7,000 workers are now involved.

Beer shortage spreads

Supplies of Tetley's draught beer at many public houses in Yorkshire and the north-east were drying up yesterday because of the unofficial strike by clerical workers at the Tetley Brewery at Leeds. Transport workers will not cross the picket lines of the strikers, so no deliveries of beer are leaving the brewery.

TWA bonuses move

Trans World Airlines took the lead in the controversial travel agents' "commission war" yesterday with the announcement that it will now pay agents 8.5 per cent commission. Some airlines are offering 7.5 per cent commission plus 3 per cent on sales exceeding 90 per cent of those in the comparable 1974 period.

French jobs post

The French government yesterday appointed a senior official as "Delegate General for Employment" to take charge of the fight against the threatened million jobless by the end of the year. He is M Gabriel Oheix, who is from the ministry of labour.

Japan plan criticized

Mr Toshio Doko, chairman of Keidanren, Japan's federation of big business interests, believed the anti-recession measures the government worked out on Monday would not be effective in picking up the economy, the federation said

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Subsidies and true costing

From Mr Peter Clark

Sir, Mrs Thatcher's claim that large scale subsidies conceal the true cost of the resources used is a debatable point. For instance, public transport utilities charge rates designed to cover long run average costs; in the private sector each trip is costed according to short run marginal costs.

The apparent difference between the two is compensated by the implementation of subsidies which are designed in part to minimize total resources expended.

In terms of resource conservation, the optimum situation in reality is diametrically opposed to the laissez-faire policy advocated by Mrs Thatcher.

Owing to consumer preference for an apparently cheaper mode, the operation of the free market mechanism in the transport sector would only serve to consume resources in an exponentially increasing manner and lead to further inefficiency. Total industrial and commercial production costs would rise and our competitive position in the world market would weaken.

The case for subsidies in other industrial sectors must be centred on the question of employment and foreign exchange, but if policy goals dictate that resources should be optimized, then the resources of the British labour force must play an integral part in the economic planning process.

Mrs Thatcher's argument that surplus labour generated by the withdrawal of subsidies will be absorbed into industrial expansion programmes makes nonsense in the present economic climate. Such a policy would be tantamount to the deliberate creation of unemployment which produces idle resources and further inflationary pressure.

The real problem, however, does not lie with large scale subsidies. They are explicit, have a defined framework of accountability and their repercussions in terms of costs and benefits may be traced through the system, so that some concept of equity and justice may be observed.

A more intractable problem is hidden subsidies which, by their very nature, are difficult to evaluate, but they may have an equally influential impact on the economy in terms of resource costs in relation to the pricing system. Housing is an obvious example where owner occupiers with mortgages receive substantial benefits from the community chest.

In a less obvious fashion industry enjoys the benefits of external economies generated by both public and private expenditure projects. Private motorists meet few of the externalities they impose on other members of society. Indeed, many examples could be quoted.

Two things are clear. First, that even in a perfectly competitive market the price system would be distorted. Second, long term costs should be a major consideration in the regulation of resource consumption. Selected subsidies might well obscure the true costs of resources used but this very process can help to achieve a better utilization of these resources.

The use of subsidies will tend to maximize both consumer and producer surplus in a situation which will be at variance with that generated by the employment of the pure price mechanism.

Yours faithfully,
PETER CLARK,
Department of Geography,
Reading University,
Whiteknights,
Reading.

Supply and demand in housing

From Mr Geoffrey McLean

Sir, Mr Roach has hit the nail on the head. It is the law of supply and demand that has hit the house market.

From 1931 until 1972 the average repayments on a house were between 20 per cent and 26 per cent of average income; by 1974 they had risen to 44 per cent and thus debarred at least half the market from buying.

It is not only the cost of houses that produced this remarkable change; the cost of money borrowed is equally responsible. To show this I devised a new index—The Purchaser Barrier Index which compounds the effect of changes in house prices and mortgage interest rates.

This index can be compared with the average wage index to show whether housing is becoming more or less accessible to the average purchaser. Taking 1970 as 100 the wages and the barrier index both increased to 132 by the end of 1972.

But during 1973 when the wage index rose to 160, the barrier index rose to 236 partly because of an increase in house prices, and partly because of an increase in the mortgage interest rates from 8¼ per cent to 11 per cent.

Since then the barrier index has stabilized, while the wage index has risen to about 200. It will take another full year of wage inflation at 30 per cent to redress the balance.

Yours sincerely,
GEOFFREY McLEAN,
Heanton House,
Salop Street,
Wolverhampton.

VAT increase on television rentals

From Mr David C. Jones

Sir, I was very pleased to see that you gave some space today on your parliamentary page to the debate on the VAT increase on existing television rentals.

I am personally affected by this increase although my agreement with the television hire company dates from before the introduction of VAT.

I seem to remember that before VAT something called purchase tax was payable on television sets and other items. This tax was payable whether the article was purchased by a company or an individual. The television hire companies therefore had to take purchase tax into account when calculating their deposits and rentals.

In these circumstances to charge VAT on existing agreements is monstrous, because it is a tax in part on a tax which has already been paid to the Government.

I am surprised that none of the Members of Parliament appear to have raised this point during the debate.

Yours sincerely,
DAVID C. JONES,
Holly Cottage,
Elora Road,
High Wycombe,
Buckinghamshire.

Unworka... plan to ho... down pric...

From Mr Oliver Smedl...

Sir, May I humbly sug... the plan of Mr Michae... Chairman of the Natio... sumer Council, for holdi... prices is rather like t... tune a piano by polis... keyboard. Even if it w... sible to carry out it, o... work.

Firstly, any attempt... sidize prices has the in... effect of distorting dem... the subsidized items le... their over-production in... to other items.

Secondly, financing... subsidy from an incr... national insurance contr... for the majority of co... merely transfers exp... from one pocket to ... without affecting either... of living or the overal... deficit.

Thirdly, legally enfor... restraint has been pr... possible and also dis... markets for labour.

For the umpteenth t... one and only way to... flation is to stop it a... the printing of new m... the Government.

The only way to ens... consumers are able to b... they need in the cheap... ket is to allow the m... work and not to distort...

Yours faithfully,
OLIVER SMEDLEY, Cl...
The Anti Dear Food C...
Neville House,
Wendens Ambo,
Saffron Walden,
Essex.

Use of genet... in fish farmi...

From Professor J. A. Be...

Sir, The fish farming... of Britain may well be... of a legal framework a... forms of help as sugg... the short report of J... However, the industry... spicuously failed to m... of one existing area o... ledge which has been... timable value in the... farming of milk, wheat... chickens and pigs, to n... a few of some relev... amples.

I refer of course to t... cation of genetics to pl... animal breeding. Whe... lems such as that of c... rapid and uniform grov... in fish are so importa... quite inexcusable that... interest in the basic bi... techniques offering mos... of resolving such prob... shown by the industry.

Yours sincerely,
J. A. BEARDMORE,
University College of S...
Department of Genetics

Good point

From Mr Michael Fox

Sir, The Suez Canal re... at 8.30 am on June 5. I... be interested to know th... of the first British com... lift the Suez surcharge.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL FOX,
Copper Beeches,
Brislands Lane,
Four Marks,
Hampshire.
June 5.

Surveys show change in attitudes

Advertising & marketing

Advertisers are becoming more appreciative of the economic effects of advertising, but they are also finding faults with more advertisements. This is one of the findings in a collection of surveys into attitudes towards advertising, published by the Institute of Practioners in Advertising.

The collection includes a comparison of research carried out in 1963 and in 1972 into attitudes towards advertising held by brand managers and their chairmen. It found for example, that in 1963 18 per cent of the sample thought advertising one brand against another was wasteful. Only 4 per cent considered this to be the case in 1972.

In the earlier survey, 23 per cent thought there was too much advertising but by 1972 this had dropped to 7 per cent.

However, the later sample was more critical of advertising content. A higher percentage considered that some or most advertising contained too little information, was irritating and was in bad taste. But there was a marked drop in the proportion who thought that advertisements contained invalid or misleading claims, from 66 per cent in 1963 to 45 per cent nine years later.

COI account moves

The Central Office of Information has moved the £350,000 Department of Health and Social Security account from Leo Burnett to Doyle Dane Bernbach. The appointment of the new agency followed presentations to the COI's Advisory Committee by three agencies including Leo Burnett and Davidson, Pearce, Berry and Spottiswoode in addition to DDB.

Alcoa consolidation

Alcoa (Aluminium Company of America) is to consolidate its European advertising activities with Benton & Bowles. Until now, the agency has been responsible for Alcoa's advertising in the United Kingdom only.

New Schweppes labels

Schweppes is hitting back at its competitors with a new range of labels for its mixer drinks. The new designs affect 12 products and is the biggest repackaging operation undertaken by Schweppes.

One of the reasons given for the move by Mr Peter Cotton, the company's marketing manager, is that there has been a tendency for some competitors to imitate the Schweppes labels.

Astral gets GKN

GKN Steelstock has appointed Astral Marketing and Advertising as its advertising agency. The assignment covers the company's 31 locations in four product groups throughout the country.

Patricia Tisdall

Single premium policy income remains static

By Margaret Stone

Regular premium policy income increased by 16 per cent during 1974, but the single premium policy market was almost stagnant, according to figures released yesterday.

Yearly premium income rose by 16 per cent to £2,420m, but single premium payments were only £20m higher at £890m. This compares with an increase of £100m in single premium business the preceding year.

Insurance benefits have almost quadrupled in the past 10 years and last year £2,190m was paid out to policyholders or dependants compared with £1,718m in 1973 and £1,455m in 1972.

Mr Kenneth Allen, chairman of the Life Offices Association, said: "These figures reaffirm the public's continuing confidence in life assurance as a valuable means of personal savings with the unique advantage of combining protection for the family."

INTERIM STATEMENT

HANSON TRUST

Half year to March 31, 1975

"Record 1974 profits of £10.4 million, the eleventh year of growth. Prospects for 1975 no less than for 1974."

James Hanson, Chairman
December 16, 1974

"Earnings growth will be maintained and will be further strengthened as the building and construction industries recover. We look to the future with a confidence underpinned by our expanding asset base at home and overseas."

James Hanson, Chairman
June 2, 1975

Copies of half year statement available from Hanson Trust Ltd., 180 Brompton Road, London SW3 1HF

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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

A political risk in Redland's rights

s rights issue news land should come as surprise. The group nvesting fairly heavily ew plant and acquisi- recent years and ends to continue on particularly overseas. 's capital spending, own on the previous ll worked out at just , in addition to which a rise in the working quirement of just over

falling profitability, still managed to keep the net debt position r £5m—with little the short-term liquid what is more—for an ear-end debt total in n of £30m. But in gearing there was some ion, with shareholder's d minority interests little change on the March's £53m, largely to a change in the f valuing the Monier in Australia.

ights themselves are me 2.1p a share with ng ordinary closing at night, while the pro- vidend increase of a the current year should me news, pushing the from 5.2 per cent o a prospective 6.4 per rights. But whether is going to be able to an earnings recovery urate with this is an- mer. Certainly roughly ed second half earnings rseas look encouraging tage, even though Red- y no means convinced reflationary measures example, Germany are work their way through rly quickly.

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54m (£138m)
profits £19.1m (£24.3m)
s per share 8.45p
)
d gross 4.3706p (3.885p)

Securities

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e initial response to urities's revelation that ie of its portfolio of ed properties has by over 25 per cent 73 should be generally le—the shares gained 31p on a quiet day—is re of the paradox in e property sector finds fet there are, as the ppreciated, things to be Land Securities.

first place the value its completed property at end-March can have tle more than hypo- for at that stage the market was little an dormant. Since then ave come back by per- lf a point, so that the ch fully diluted asset of 234p can be lifted ps 270p.

granted, is to go along nd Securities's assump- it development proper- be taken in at cost, an ion open to question ie way in which pro- majors are doing their divest themselves of lly embarrassing sites owever, the properties or in course of develop- ment form a relatively small part of the overall portfolio (just over 12 per cent), and were to a large extent taken in at cost ahead of the boom.

So, in so far as any property values have meaning now, Land Securities have more meaning than most. In the second place, Land Securities is giving its shareholders income, and growing income, at a time when it is beginning to look precarious not only elsewhere in the property sector but elsewhere in equities at large. With the ending of the rent freeze worth perhaps £3m to the group, and the tailing-off of the development programme suggesting at least a stabilization of short-term borrowings, it looks as though dividend growth can be projected into the foreseeable future. That, and the discount, provide some scope for further appreciation in the shares.

Final: 1974-75 (1973-74)
Capitalization £270m
Pre-tax profits £15.58m (£13.07m)
Unaudited net assets per share 234p (344p)
Dividend gross 6.05p (5.37p)

Coats Patons

Settling the dust

Coats Patons has probably appeased all but its most militant critics in forecasting a full dividend for the current year and rolling forward its interim payment. While it has never been in much doubt that the chopping of the final dividend was unlikely to be repeated in the near future, the latest gesture, which is little more than a bookkeeping exercise, is an interesting comment on the strength of the institutional opposition. For the market, the apparent security of a prospective yield of 8¼ per cent with the shares at 49p is probably all that is required to restore the group's investment credibility.

The balance-sheet, following the revelations that accompanied the preliminary figures, contains few surprises. Bank borrowings have risen from £27.1m to just over £50m, all but a fraction of the £37m increase in working capital is down to inflation in stocks, and return on assets, before the near doubled interest charge, has slipped from just over 22 per cent to 18.3 per cent.

While the group evidently expects its liquidity to show a useful improvement in the current year, the outlook on the trading front seems less certain in view of continuing destocking. Last year's two worst markets, North America and Australia, showed a joint fall in trading profits of *nearly 18 per cent, against the* rest, which showed an improvement of 13 per cent. This situation could well be reversed in the current year. Interim profits will certainly be sharply down and there appears to be no compelling reason to risk the textile sector at this moment.

Accounts: 1974 (1973)
Capitalization £130m
Net assets £165m (£149m)
Borrowings £89.6m (£63.5m)
Pre-tax profit £47.3m (£54.1m)
Earnings per share 9.2p (10.0p)

Westland Aircraft

Bullish about helicopters

With nationalization of the helicopter industry no longer threatened Westland is allowing itself to be fairly bullish over prospects in the interim statement. The Defence Review has not affected present orders for Gazelle and Lynx helicopters, or for the recent further batch of Royal Navy Sea Kings. Deliveries after 1980 will be affected but exports should compensate for this.

Furthermore, the Government's decision to raise permissible profit ratios on non-competitive contracts (from 14 to 18 per cent of capital employed in this case) should mean better margins on at least a part of the existing order book. Against this there are some long-term contracts with minimal escalation provisions yet to work through, and the four-weeks-old strike at Westland's Yeovil factory is threatening to make a dent in profits this year. Helicopters, then, should really show good results in 1975-76.

Hovercraft profits on the other hand will probably outstrip earlier expectations this year while the forward prospects must look better after cancellation of the Channel tunnel and with Middle East interest in the SRN6. The Iranian Navy contract for BH7 Mark 5s is still on programme.

All this argues that on a medium-term view the shares at 48p (and with an historic p/e ratio of 7½) are probably underpriced relative to the market, and the prospective yield of 8.3 per cent is reasonable.

Daniel Doncaster

Uninterrupted trading

Comparisons with 1973-74 are all but pointless in the case of Daniel Doncaster since those results—given that the last Rolls-Royce claw-back must be stripped out—were badly damaged by the three-day week. Even so, this forgemaster's latest figures for the year to March are exceptionally good: one has to go back to 1970-71 to find a return on sales as good as the 8¼ per cent of last year. More important, borrowings are apparently little changed at the year-end (short-term borrowings were £1.3m at the end of 1973-74) and interest charges were actually slightly down in the second half.

Quite simply, Doncaster has enjoyed uninterrupted trading throughout the period and been able to take full advantage of a good order book and continuing strong demand from customers in the aerospace, heavy automotive and capital goods industries to overcome steeply rising costs.

This all leaves the shares looking cheap on an historic basis. At 41p, up 1p yesterday, they are selling at only 3.7 times earnings and yielding 9¾ per cent. But investors are nervous about engineers—and shareholders in Doncaster have come through the Rolls-Royce nightmare and the three-day week. However, the year has started well; the company serves the (hopefully) more resilient heavy end of the engineering industry and it has no pressing balance-sheet problems partly due to Mr Healey's stock relief provisions.

Final: 1974-75 (1973-74)
Capitalization £5.07m
Sales £33.25m (£20.61m)
Pre-tax profits £2.74m (£0.8m*)
Earnings per share 12.8p (3.5p*)
Dividend gross 3.875p (3.44p)
* Excluding Rolls-Royce claw-back.

Peter Jay, Economics Editor, suggests that a new pay compact is not the way to defeat inflation

Let's give first principles a try

Nearly a year ago it was argued here that certain contradictions in our political economy were maturing and that in consequence our prosperity and the stability of our political institutions were threatened. It was suggested that by "1980, give or take a couple of years", the irreconcilability of the economic conditions of healthy democracy with democracy itself would produce the first true crisis of our society since the war.

It was contended that free collective bargaining, high employment and stability of inflation (let alone of prices) could no longer be combined and that the forfeiture of any one of them would produce conditions without existing political tolerances. There is no reason to change that diagnosis or the prognosis.

But in one respect the predictions were wrong, namely that the last chance of averting disaster—by sticking to disinflationary policies which might involve "unemployment in the low millions for the rest of this decade"—would be forfeit by the spring of 1975. "The choice", it was said, "will arise very soon when the autumn's pay explosion begins to price large numbers of people out of their jobs and the Government comes under intense pressure to reflate in order to check unemployment.

"It is hardly imaginable" the argument ran, "that it will not respond to that call. . . . So we can take the next plunge into large budget deficit and all-out monetary expansion for granted. When that plunge is taken", the conclusion was, "probably in Mr Healey's promised second budget followed by other reflationary measures through the winter, that last chance of stabilizing our economic life under democratic governance will be gone."

As so often, events have disobligingly failed to be so clear cut. There was indeed a pay explosion from the autumn. Mr Healey did indeed ease the fiscal restrains on the economy—in July, in his November Budget and indeed throughout the period by allowing government spending to rise much faster than originally planned in relation to government revenue. The budget deficit (taken as the public sector borrowing requirement) for 1974-5 rose from an originally budgeted £2,733m to a provisionally estimated outturn of £7,602m; and the deficit for 1975-6 is planned to be £9,055m.

Monetary policy

All-out monetary expansion, however, we do not have, chiefly thanks to the damping effects of the huge balance of payments deficit towards the end of last year. Nor, at least in intention, is the Chancellor reflating in order to check unemployment. Unemployment is rising faster than at any other time since the war; and there is no sign that the Chancellor intends to take any deliberate fiscal or monetary steps to stop it rising, not, anyway, this year.

The course of monetary policy is unclear. On the broader "M 3" definition the money supply has been expanding over the past three quarters at annual rates of 13.3 per cent, 16.2 per cent and about 9 per cent—a rather restrictive pace for an economy suffering from 20 to 30 per cent inflation. On the narrower "M 1" definition the money supply has expanded at annual rates of 11.1 per cent, 32.8 per cent and about 24 per cent in the same three quarters—clearly too fast in the past two quarter.

What is clear is that, if the recent improvement in the balance of payments is sustained, then the Government is going to find it extremely difficult to prevent the money supply from beginning to expand too rapidly. With much reduced borrowing from abroad—which is the counterpart of the current deficit on the balance of payments—the Government will have to satisfy its huge borrowing requirement from domestic sources: and, unless it is prepared to countenance a large rise in long-term interest rates, this must mean a rapid increase in the money supply.

It is on the course of the money supply and, therefore, of the budget deficit that the whole future depends. If government holds the rise in the money supply (or, which is a more Keynesian way of expressing the same thought, if it holds the expansion of the gross national product *at current prices)* to a predetermined non-inflationary or disinflationary rate and leaves the real level of economic activity to accommodate itself to those monetary conditions, then inflation will slow down and eventually stop. If it does not, it will not.

Matching deeds to words

The whole tone and concept of Mr Healey's Budget implied that he was fully seized of the need, at least so long as inflation is the direst threat, to make this fundamental break with postwar orthodoxy, to choke inflation at its monetary source and to leave employment, output and investment to take care of themselves—in other words, to slide into deep recession. But the huge borrowing requirement and the anxiety after last year that even this total may be wrecklessly exceeded poses the crucial question whether the Chancellor's deeds will match up to his words.

The great danger at present is that something positive will come of the present exercise in corporatist management of the economy, that some horrific paper combination of voluntary pay restraint to be practised by the TUC, with price controls and subsidies to please the National Consumer Council and other goodies to pacify the Confederation of British Industry, will emerge from some Downing Street confabulation and that in return the Chancellor will be obliged to abandon fiscal and monetary restraint. The reports of yesterday's NEDC meeting are disturbing.

The only possible result of such a concordat, apart from the nausea-inducing self-congratulation and jubilation which would doubtless accompany it, would be the end of all hope of controlling inflation before inflation destroys our whole political economy and, in addition, a sharp increase in the inefficiences and distortions in the use of national resources that controls and subsidies normally entail.

It cannot be too often stated that pay restraint is not a way of stopping, or checking, inflation. It is a way of reducing unemployment at a time when inflation is being checked by fiscal and monetary restraint. Provided, but only provided, that the fiscal and monetary line is being held, then there is everything to be said for persuading as few people as possible to price themselves out of their jobs, although even that is not worthwhile if the method of persuasion itself causes such inefficiencies and anomalies as to reduce national output and to destroy the authority of the Government.

What essentially is required is that everyone in authority should do their own job properly instead of agreeing to refrain from doing so in the name of some nebulous agreement that the people whom the so-called representatives of capital, labour and consumers neither represent nor control will suddenly all cease from their normal, natural and economically logical behaviour. In that sense the concept of a social contract is the presiding curse on the British economy, since it is neither social nor a contract and only diverts everyone from doing his duty.

It is the duty of trade union leaders to bargain on behalf of their members for remunerative employment; and they are better so employed than trying to impose unworkable formulae on each other's bargaining. If the Chancellor does his job properly, then trade union leaders will find that their traditional role and the national interest come into line.

For they will best represent the interests of their own members by making the best pay bargains they can short of bankrupting the employers with whom they deal and of causing any of their members to become unemployed. Pay settlements in excess of the increase in the increasing value of each man's contribution to output will be found to have broadly that undesirable result.

The Chancellor's job is to control and finance public spending. He needs to make it clear to his colleagues and to the country that he has a precise timetable for eliminating the public sector deficit and that absolute cash limits will be imposed to this end on all the main—and not-so-main—spending programmes. In the longer term more spending will mean more taxation.

The Bank of England, too, should do its essential job—or at the very least the Governor should have the courage publicly to protest if he is prevented from doing it, as in most other countries—of managing the currency. This means moving briskly towards a permanent policy under which the money supply rises only at a rate which reflects the real long-run gain in national productive potential.

It does not mean printing extra money rather than letting interest rates rise to the level necessary to finance the Government's borrowing requirement out of genuine savings. It does not mean lecturing the trade unions and the Government on the need for yet another impracticable incomes policy, while pretending that the central bank cannot control the money supply.

Once the monetary authorities plant themselves on this granite foundation, all else will be found to follow, painful and extremely unpleasant though the process will initially be. As already explained, trade union leaders could then do their proper job without finding themselves seemingly betraying "the national interest".

The Confederation of British Industry could then confine itself to channelling through to government departments industry's specific concerns with developing legislation and cease altogether trying to dabble in collectivist mismanagement of public finance. As for the National Consumer Council, constructive though Mr Michael Young's adaptation of Peter Elkan's scheme for stabilizing prices by subsidizing them out of extra taxation on incomes may be, they would be better employed defending and extending with better information the proper operation of the marketplace, in which alone the true power of the consumer manifests itself, than in pretending that "the over-riding interest of consumers is that prices should be held down", as Mr Young put it in his recent statement as chairman of the NCC.

The central issue, then, which will determine whether or not that last chance is let slip, is whether the Chancellor can and will bring down the borrowing requirement sufficiently to prevent the money supply and the gross national product, valued at current prices, from rising too fast. "Too fast" means faster than the progressively reducing rate which is necessary to bring them down within the next two years from the 30 per cent (money supply) and 15 per cent (gnp at current prices) of 1973 to the 3 to 5 per cent rate which will eliminate inflation in the long run.

Interim targets

For this year a 15 per cent rise in the money supply and a 12½ per cent rise in gnp at current prices (implying a fall of as much as 7½ per cent in real terms) would be the right interim targets. This probably means halving the borrowing requirement this year and halving it again in 1976-7. To proceed less gradually than this would risk unnecessary and unprofitable damage to the financial and industrial infrastructure of the economy by precipitating the kind of convulsion and collapse of asset values which last summer even threatened the solvency of useful and necessary institutions.

To achieve this control the Chancellor needs reliable monthly—at the very least quarterly—monitoring of the progress of the budget deficit. The Treasury are working on this; but he still has to rely at present on occasional special analyses two or three times a year. Secondly, the Chancellor needs to translate spending departments' present ceilings expressed in real terms into ceilings for the current year (though not for future years) expressed in cash terms.

The Cabinet as a whole must accept these limits and accept that sticking to them will mean departing at times from the "real terms" programmes when costs and pay move differently from expectations. At the same time spending ministers will have an incentive to resist excessive pay claims in the public sector because, for the first time, whatever they save on pay settlements below the budgeted assumptions they will be able to use for improving the scale and the quality of the services for which they are responsible. Moreover, anything they concede above the budgeted assumptions will come out of their budgeted investment and other spending.

There has also to be provision for the occasional excess settlement which cannot be accommodated by making compensating real savings in the same programme—for example, it would not make sense to finance the cost of the miners' settlement this year by auctioning off the Coal Board's plant and equipment. In such cases, the Chancellor needs to establish as an automatic consequence that savings elsewhere in the public sector will be sought and, if they are not made forthwith, then he will go to the House of Commons within a week or two to raise extra taxes to cover the extra cost of the excess settlement. Everyone will be able to see the direct connexion between the rogue settlement and the consequences for all.

The present economic and political situation gives Mr Healey a unique, but evaporating opportunity to establish such a system. If he does, then inflation may yet be beaten, though at whatever cost in unemployment the protagonists of collective bargaining decide to inflict upon themselves and each other. If he saves democracy, it will have been worth it.

Some may find it odd that no reference is made to sterling and the balance of payments. But these are mere innocent bystanders who play no active part in the drama. They are not the reason why inflation has to be controlled. Controlling them—or propping them up—will not solve or even mitigate the principal evil of home inflation. But controlling inflation will ensure that the pound and the trade figures no longer even appear to be a problem.

Summary of AMC's operations for the year ended 31st March 1975

	1973/74 £m.	1974/75 £m.
Total loan applications	96.20	90.23
Loans completed	47.89	37.89
Total amount on loan to the agricultural industry	244.18	273.92
Loans approved and in course of completion	11.63	5.51

Copies of the 1975 Report & Accounts obtainable from the Secretary.

AMC

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Business Diary: Kissing cousins • That's the spirit

main divisions of the ild banking family of -one headed by Baron Rothschild and the other ousin Baron Edmond,— ing closer links to in- heir international scope ght.

riginal Rothschild oper- n Frankfurt and the houses founded in and Naples are extinct, existing branches in d London have tended eir separate ways.

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his personal holdings Edmond has sold an sed number of shares, d at 17 per cent, in nie Financière to the nie du Nord and what ved to be a roughly amount to the Protest- ed Banque Vernes. Both nie du Nord and Banque will have board repre- n in Compagnie Fin-

recent years relations the two men were co- barely congenial. Some ice was broken three o when Baron Edmond ired to sit on the board Banque Rothschild, a tone of the holding com- st Baron Guy manages cousins Baron Elie and Alain.

he Paris cousins have forces, there have been oves by the Compagnie d to work more closely



Cousins Baron Guy (above) and Baron Edmond de Rothschild: closer links.



with N. M. Rothschild & Sons, the London branch of the family. The Compagnie du Nord is represented in N. M. Rothschild through participation in Rothschild Continuation, a holding company set up by the London house in 1941 to ensure the survival of the business in case of family deaths during the war.

Export Scotch

The present talks between Whitbread and Rapid-American Corporation over the latter's Long John International whisky empire are really something rather special.

It's unusual, to say the least, to see British interests negotiating with overseas owners of Scotch whisky firms rather than the other way around. Scotch whisky is no longer as Scottish as it was—at least so far as ownership is concerned.

For example, the rising number of aficionados of malt whisky may look forward to the appearance of a new label, Sandy McNab's. It will come from the Montrose-based McNab Distilleries, now owned by DYC, the Spanish sherry firm.

When, last year, Glenlivet Distilleries (The Glenlivet, Glen Grant) celebrated the 150th anniversary of the granting of their licence to distil, one of the honoured guests was Keizo Saji of Suntory. He was there not as a representative of a firm whose own local whiskies give Scotch heavy competition in Japan the second biggest export market after the United States, but as the holder of a 10 per cent stake in Glenlivet.

The second biggest single producer of Scotch is The Seagram Co Ltd, the Montreal-based corporation which claims to be the biggest producer of spirits in the non-communist world.

Seagram's acquired Chivas Brothers, an Aberdeen-based distiller and blender after the war, moved headquarters to Paisley and vastly expanded production of Chivas Regal, 100 Pipers and Passport blends.

The company will not, like its bigger competitor, the British-owned DCL, export malt in bulk to markets like Japan. Scotch malt, blended with local grain spirit, is widely sold at duty levels which discriminate against imported Scotch.

One of the earliest overseas arrivals in Scotland was Martini, which in 1939 acquired William Lawson's and its Glen Deveron malt distillery, Banff. Martini sell the William Lawson's blend and the Glendeveron malt in bottle abroad, but they also export some malt in bulk. DCL, who are said to account for over half of whisky production, now own about a third of the 120 or so malt distilleries and are largely self-sufficient in malt and grain whisky production.

However, this in turn could increase pressure on former suppliers of whiskies among the independents either to sell out to finance the laying-down of new whiskies, or to export malts in bulk to compete with their country's blends.

An advertisement in the current edition of the British Tourist Authority's magazine In Britain *says: "Take home a lasting reminder of your visit to Britain." The advertisement is from a Swedish car manufacturer.*

On the record

While business and industrial records continue to be lost or destroyed at a rate we will one day regret, the Market Research Society and the City University are trying to save old market surveys.

Mark Abrams, director of a survey research unit at the Social Science Research Council, and a pioneer both of the MRS and prewar media studies, is making over a garageful of his records to the university library. Among them are prewar studies on housing and malnutrition financed by Cadbury's.

Jeremy Tunstall, Professor of Sociology at City, said that the *library is keen to have other* surveys that would otherwise be lost. Tunstall has written on advertising men and on journalists.

Meanwhile, horror stories abound about the parlous state of trade union records. Many records were lost in the post-war amalgamations.

There is at least one instance of a load of banners being burnt, while one senior trade union official told us that having seen how his own union looked after its records, he was leaving his papers to a university.

The prize for optimism in trade with China must surely go to Coca-Cola, who regularly send a senior executive to the Canton Trade Fair to buy Chinese handicrafts simply to make sure their name is familiar if and when the Chinese decide to buy western soft drinks.

Coke are understood to be anxious not to be beaten again into a big new market as they were in the case of the Soviet deal with Pepsi-Cola. However, with an annual income varying from about £700 to about £20 a head, and a perfectly drinkable native orangeade, the Chinese may not be in the market for Coke for some time yet.

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The British Steam Specialties Group Limited

Industrial heating, pipeline and solids handling equipment.

Financial Highlights (from statistical information contained in the Annual Report).

	Years ending 31st March 1975 £000's	1974 £000's	1973 £000's	1972 £000's
Turnover	19,159	15,247	11,821	10,053
Profit before taxation	1,417	1,166	762	680
Profit after taxation	667	561	471	398
Dividends	312 (net)	297 (net)	177 (composite)	213 (gross)
Retentions	319	230	382	185
Earnings per share (pence)	9.9	8.3	7.0	5.9

The directors propose a rights issue of one new ordinary share for every four held at a price of 50p per share, subject to approval at an extraordinary general meeting to increase the ordinary share capital of the company.

For copies of the Report and Accounts apply to the Secretary,
The British Steam Specialties Group Limited, Fleet Street, Lee Circle, Leicester LE1 3QQ.

Losses in jersey knitting slow down Sketchley Group

By Desmond Quigley

At first sight, the pre-tax profits of the Sketchley Group, the dry cleaner, dyer and fabric manufacturer, seem unexciting. They rose by only 8 per cent to £1.6m in the year to the end of last March.

But this figure was struck after taking into account trading losses of £244,000 at Chell Pargrae in jersey knitting which has been closed down at a cost of £30,000 (handsomely down on estimates of £100,000). Without the trading loss at Chell, profits for the group would have been ahead by 24 per cent on sales up just under 20 per cent at £21m.

Sales for the first two months of this year are well ahead of the same period last year, though demand in the commission dyeing and finishing activities of the textile division is still reduced. Given the current economic outlook, the group refrains from a forecast for the year save to say that its financial position is strong enough to allow it to expand profitable activities.

Interest charges jumped from £88,000 to £203,000 last year, due partly to higher rates, but by the end of the year overdrafts had gone down to around the £1.6m of the end of the previous year. Since March the group has made a £725,000 rights issue.

The group is facing several problems in the textile division. It is being reorganized and a thorough investigation is being conducted by Mr G. Wightman, the group chief executive who has taken charge of the division following the recent resignation of Mr T. G. Whittaker as managing director of the division.

Last year's second half saw a sales improvement of about a tenth on the first half but profits slipped to £719,000 from £901,000 due to the bulk of the Chell Pargrae losses falling in the later period. A final gross dividend of 3.85p is being recommended, making 5.34p for the year, as against 4.55p last year.

GEI link £1.5m rights with bumper profits

GEI International, the engineering group, has coupled record pre-tax profits of £2.3m for the year to March 31 with a two-for-seven rights issue to raise £1.5m. The issue price is 38p a share, compared with a market price of 51p.

The board believes that the best time for expansion is when the economy is in recession. In 1971 and early the following year when business was quiet an expansion programme was undertaken and this has paid off. It is now hoped to repeat the process with emphasis on the product manufacturing companies, in particular, those making wheels for commercial vehicles and plant where new overseas markets have been identified.

The growth in profits was more than 38 per cent with the second half producing an advance of 40 per cent to £1.4m against 36 per cent in the opening six months. Turnover grew 37 per cent to £29.5m. After tax and dividends (up in total from 4.2p to 4.73p) the net profit came out at £786,000, against £511,000, and basic earnings a share rose from 6.4p to 9.3p.

Profits this year are expected to be "satisfactory" and the dividend will be maintained on the higher capital. Any acquisitions will be on the product side. They will not affect the steel business, where the drop in demand has now "bottomed out".

Hargreaves slip on peak sales

Hargreaves Group—it takes in fertiliser manufacture, commercial vehicle building, quarrying, plant hire and transport—has had a tough time. In the year to March 31 last turnover rose to a peak of nearly £100m but pretax profits fell by 10 per cent to £2.2m. The second half saw a fall of 14 per cent to £944,000.

Turnover jumped from £58.23m to £93.75m with the second half showing a 77 per cent gain to £55m. Earnings a share slipped from 5.7p to 4.9p but the board steps up the total dividend from 2.89p to 3.22p with a final of 1.92p. It comments that the group's underlying strengths remain, and that the current year has started well.

Stock markets

Bids and results provide features in nervous d

The stock market looked nervous again yesterday, as the pound slipped lower on the foreign exchange centres and the prospects of a national rail strike in the United Kingdom hung in the balance.

Share prices were falling back during the morning, but rallied at midday on the news of a meeting between the rail union leaders and the British Rail board. Turnover remained thin, with the day's recorded bargains totalling only 5,689.

The FT index closed 4.9 off at 330.6, having touched 327.8 earlier in the day. While the threat of a national rail strike clearly continued to depress the City, few expect equities to move significantly higher until the pound recovers— and that is not thought possible until the Government acts to reduce Britain's disastrous rate of inflation.

With hardly a buyer in sight during the first couple of hours, leading shares rapidly extended their initial losses. But selling was thin, and bear closers came in quickly when the market steadied on the news of rail talks.

Shares in Bowater Corporation closed 5p off at 165p, after rumours in the stock market that a rights issue is planned.

Two major shares to suffer severely in the recent shakeout —Tube Investments and Glaxo Holdings—met further selling at first. Glaxo, badly hit since the disclosure of a rights issue one week ago, fell to 363p at mid-morning, but later steadied to close at 368p a net 7p off. Tube Investments, still suffering from the poor outlook for cycle sales in the United States, were down to 256p, later 258p a net 2p off.

ICI, finally 2p down at 285p had touched 284p, Unilever 6p off at 378p had seen 376p, Courtaulds 1p off at 125p, had touched 122p, Bats 5p off at 325p had been down to 323p.

A feature of the day were the first dealings in the shares recently placed with the public by Akroyd & Smithers, the market stockjobber whose business covers the gilt edged market and a wide range of ordinary shares. Dealings in the shares were light, with the closing price of 167½p compar. with 172p at the beginning of the session.

Rights issues continued to provide interest. The major issue of the day came from Redland, which is raising £7.5m from shareholders. The shares eased to 84p. Also easier after announcing rights issues were shares in GEI International (£1.1m). But shares in British Steam Speciality steadied at 89p after news that the company is offering rights worth £800,000.

Coats Patons came back into market favour with the disclosure at the annual meeting of shareholders that next year's dividend is to be brought forward—some answer to the institutional clients who were badly upset by the decision to miss the dividend this year in order to conserve cash. Shares in Coats put on 3p to 48p.

Other industrial shares to respond well to trading statements were Daniel Doncaster (47p), Weyburn Engineering (210p) and Westland Aircraft. But European Ferries dipped to 62p on the news that a share quotation is to be obtained on the Brussels Bourse. Pilkington Bros. still weakened by the profits downturn disclosed last week, fell again, to close 2p off at 198p.

Consumer stocks remained unhappy with the rumours that the Government will soon be obliged to introduce some kind of curb on private spending. British Home Stores (329p), Marks & Spencer (222p) and Boots (242p) closed with small losses. Shares in J. Lyons, the hotel and food group, eased to 166p ahead of the trading results, which are due tomorrow.

Shares in Long John International had an active session after confirmation of an approach from Whitbread. At 170p as the market closed, the shares had seen 160p and 180p as the speculators struggled to take profits in a thin share market. Whitbread, whose results are expected today, closed 2½p off at 624p. Guinness, also reporting today, closed lower.

The bid situation to take the market's fancy was G. F. Lovell, whose shares doubled in price to 18p on news that a 70 per cent holding has been taken by Hills London Shops, at 11p. Members of the Hills board are to join Lovell, and the market

Latest dividends

All dividends in new pence or appropriate currencies

Company (and par values)	Ord div	Year ago	Pay date	Year's total	Prev year
Brit Steam Spec (20p) Fin	3.1	2.9	31/7	4.6	4.4
Coats Patons (25p) Int	0.94	0.9	—	2.18‡	0.9
Dan Doncaster (25p) Fin	1.38	1.43	5/8	2.55	2.35
B. Fertleman (20p) Fin	1.26	0.73†	—	2.07	1.25†
GEI Int (20p) Fin	1.92	1.75	24/7	3.11	2.85
Gt Portland Ests (50p) Fin	2.25	2.0	4/9	3.25	3.0
Hargreaves Gp (20p) Fin	1.25	1.15	28/7	2.12	1.95
Land Secs Inv (50p) Fin	2.47	2.16	25/7	3.98	3.67
Wm Pickles (10p) Fin	0.35	0.33†	1/8	0.6	0.55†
Record Ridgway (25p) Int	1.1	0.87	1/10	—	2.45
Redland (25p) Fin	1.82‡	1.67	—	2.86‡	2.64
Sketchley (25p) Fin	2.5	2.16	25/7	3.5	3.09
Triplex Foundries (25p) Fin	1.55	1.43	—	2.75	2.53
Westland Aircraft (25p) Int	0.97	0.89	31/7	2.59‡	2.22
Weyburn Eng (25p) Int	2.73	2.5	—	—	5.65
Wolverhmptn Stm L (5p) Fin	Nil	0.44	—	Nil	0.44

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax in pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross, multiply the net dividend by 1.54. † Adjusted for scrip. ‡ Forecast.

scents a "shell" plan to bid for the rest of t equity.

Property shares can after Land Securities closed a property re less savage than feare in Land Securities ad 181p, while Great Estates were a simila higher at 215p on.

Banks and insuranc had a dull session, clo falls of 5p or so. Inter oil share sector was l BP (520p) and Shel could make no move fi night levels. Mining s were o nthe sidelines.

Equity turnover on £48.6m (14,266 bargain stocks, yesterday, acc

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Gilts were again gr weakness of sterling r to overshadow the ma failed to precipitate h ing. There were int rumours of moves to rs rail dispu and these t steady prices.

"Shorts" were ¼ low point, but hardened to close. "Longs" were ½ in the morning, before ing ¼ point of the fal

NOTICE OF REDEMPTION

To the Holders of

Government of New Zealand

Twelve Year 6¾% Bonds due July 15, 1979

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the provisions of the Bonds of the above-described issue, Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York, as Fiscal Agent, has drawn by lot for redemption on July 15, 1975 at 100% of the principal amount thereof through operation of the Sinking Fund, $1,260,000 principal amount of said Bonds bearing the following distinctive numbers:

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	3	1406	2392	3622	4934	6013	7129	8050	8718	9873	11597	13075	14436	15730
	4	1421	2425	3650	4935	6017	7132	8055	8738	9876	11712	13131	14445	15745
	24	1423	2431	3675	4959	6026	7161	8080	8745	9910	11721	13137	14488	15747
	36	1451	2439	3700	4960	6027	7164	8083	8753	9980	11732	13179	14473	15786
	62	1455	2460	3741	4961	6029	7168	8097	8767	9983	11787	13179	14475	15784
	64	1456	2481	3812	4965	6064	7189	8068	8773	9988	11790	13180	14517	15795
	89	1460	2500	3813	4974	6065	7190	8078	8788	9998	11798	13198	14575	15813
	131	1463	2503	3838	4994	6066	7198	8079	8793	10022	11811	13229	14581	15829
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	360	1523	2584	3862	5036	6129	7227	8084	8795	10102	11885	13240	14614	15854
	361	1532	2585	3883	5052	6150	7236	8095	8808	10114	11904	13248	14618	15860
	394	1537	2586	3889	5053	6151	7253	8100	8821	10116	11906	13248	14627	15863
	396	1545	2617	3916	5070	6152	7280	8113	8841	10128	11909	13269	14648	15878
	404	1546	2622	3918	5087	6153	7314	8126	8844	10147	11974	13331	14715	15880
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	411	1593	2636	3948	5182	6228	7338	8166	8855	10206	11983	13381	14742	15904
	422	1622	2638	3953	5183	6233	7352	8172	8886	10230	11984	13382	14762	15941
	423	1639	2650	3956	5188	6239	7359	8176	8904	10230	11985	13387	14766	15951
	424	1640	2681	3957	5190	6306	7380	8181	8918	10231	12038	13468	14819	15983
	517	1646	2683	3985	5191	6307	7400	8198	8932	10244	12039	13431	14824	15954
	518	1663	2683	4032	5255	6308	7411	8206	8941	10283	12062	13444	14948	15969
	595	1702	2713	4052	5257	6326	7463	8210	8956	10273	12072	13495	14857	15972
	596	1703	2724	4064	5258	6333	7486	8214	8958	10283	12074	13513	14880	15994
	807	1710	2775	4134	5290	6334	7494	8215	8975	10322	12109	13531	14906	16009
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	824	1897	2887	4363	5416	6496	7596	8270	9104	10476	12264	13682	14983	16251
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	897	1964	2972	4419	5483	6563	7626	8298	9139	10545	12374	13744	15051	16315
	898	1969	2986	4422	5484	6631	7627	8301	9150	10549	12411	13774	15061	16332
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	914	2006	3038	4451	5508	6575	7681	8331	9171	10566	12495	13796	15120	16383
	916	2010	3042	4456	5510	6579	7683	8338	9174	10581	12501	13802	15122	16390
	920	2011	3045	4457	5512	6621	7685	8377	9184	10583	12510	13815	15123	16404
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	962	2033	3116	4476	5625	6636	7690	8395	9485	10562	12527	13910	15196	16422
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	1018	2075	3195	4529	5661	6671	7719	8413	9489	10621	12568	14056	15222	16468
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	1129	2171	3310	4673	5704	6894	7827	8554	9624	10726	12745	14170	15357	16635
	1130	2190	3311	4674	5736	6899	7828	8562	9627	10743	12756	14183	15376	16637
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	1140	2216	3338	4718	5751	6964	7877	8585	9685	10768	12856	14207	15418	16681
	1142	2219	3351	4723	5753	6965	7919	8573	9704	10794	12896	14233	15419	16690
	1206	2227	3360	4761	5796	6970	7932	8592	9723	10817	12919	14234	15464	16695
	1206	2234	3410	4762	5797	6985	7948	8593	9728	10895	12948	14246	15465	16700
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	1282	2250	3419	4809	5821	7007	7952	8617	9744	10924	13965	14265	15510	16716
	1303	2251	3420	4810	5822	7027	7977	8619	9746	11100	13968	14284	15511	16723
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	1345	2337	3562	4876	5893	7072	8009	8686	9810	11604	13061	14360	15669	16793
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	1383	2386	3600	4883	5962	7082	8036	8716	9825	11623	13069	14402	15707	16811
	1387	2390	3602	4911	6006	7119	8036	8717	9835	11683	13072	14434	15724	16819

On July 15, 1975, the Bonds designated above will become due and payable at the principal amount thereof in such coin or currency of the United States of America as is legal tender for the payment therein of public and private debts, and will be paid upon surrender thereof at the corporate trust office of Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York, 15 Broad Street, New York, New York 10015, or at the option of the bearer or registered holder but subject to any laws and regulations applicable thereto in the country of any of the following offices, at the offices of Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York in Antwerp, Brussels, Frankfurt, London or Paris, or at the office of S. G. Warburg & Co. Limited in London.

Bonds surrendered for redemption should have attached all unmatured coupons appurtenant thereto. Coupons due July 15, 1975 should be detached and collected in the usual manner.

From and after July 15, 1975 interest shall cease to accrue on the Bonds herein designated for redemption.

GOVERNMENT OF NEW ZEALAND

June 12, 1975

NOTICE

The following Bonds previously called for redemption have not as yet been presented for payment:

M- 352 1561 2974 4153 4234 7383 9592 9606 12777 13918 16956 16957 16959 17179 17270

Weyburn's dramatic expansion

The prediction of a "dramatic rise" in profits at Weyburn Engineering, made last January by the chairman, Mr Ronnie Royston, is borne out by the interim results. For the six months to April 30, a pre-tax profit total of £504,000 compares well with £137,000.

Sales doubled to £2.63m, reflecting growing demand in the world diesel engine market, to which Weyburn is the leading supplier of camshafts. A maximum permitted increase in the interim dividend brings a payment of 2.7286p a share. When the time arrives for a final dividend, the board promises "any further increase permitted".

The chairman disclosed yesterday that Weyburn has secured supply agreements with its major international customers, notably with Perkins Diesel. Over 60 per cent of production currently earns foreign currency and Mr Royston is confident of "exciting international opportunities" for the group as rising oil prices enhance the cost advantages of diesel engines.

Warren Tea record

In line with other tea companies the results of Warren Tea Holdings for 1974 are easily a record. Pre-tax profits show a 43 per cent gain to £1.3m with turnover climbing from £5.3m to £7.1m. Earnings a share work out to 16.6p against 21.8p but the total dividend is raised from 5.45p to 5.92p with a final of 3.72p. Less than a month ago a possible merger between James Warren (which has a 31.02 per cent in WT) was called off because it had proved impossible to frame suitable proposals.

Pickles recovers

Thanks to a better second half, textile group William Pickles turned an interim setback into pre-tax profits gain of £12,000 to £937,000 last year. Turnover rose by £2.4m to £18.5m.

After a higher tax charge the attributable profit comes out at £478,000 against £512,000 but earnings fell slightly to 1.26p a share. The dividend goes up from an adjusted 0.81p to 0.9p.

George Ewer down

On turnover down from £9.66m to £9m the pre-tax profits of motor coach operator and motor distributor George Ewer fell 26 per cent to £367,000 in the year to January 4. This is in line with the half-time result. As forecast, the total dividend stays at 1.5p with a scrip option.

Gt Portland/hit by second half

A poor second half with pre-tax revenue slumping from £1.12m to £316,000 left Great Portland Estates with a final figure down 39 per cent to £1.42m for the year to March 31. Gross rental income was up from £4.47m to £4.7m but an amount of £431,000 was charged to pre-tax revenue for exceptional repairs on buildings.

The group estimates that the loss of gross revenue due to the freeze on rents was more than £660,000, against £225,000 in the previous year. Earnings fell from 5.1p to 4.2p a share while the total dividend rises from 4.4p to 4.96p.

Giant strides at Triplex Foundries

Good gains to record levels in turnover and profits were made by West Midlands-based Triplex Foundries in the year to March 31. These were due to recent capital spending as well as inflation.

Pretax profits surged by 47 per cent from £915,000 to £1.35m—the second half producing £763,000, an increase of 52 per cent. Sales made a 34 per cent gain to £19.97m. The total dividend rises from 3.71p to 4.17p with a final of 2.38p.

Aurora offshoot sale

Sheffield-based Aurora Holdings has agreed to sell the steel stockholding division of its Nottingham-based subsidiary, William Watts, to Barclay and Mathieson of Glasgow, for about £532,000 cash.

The consideration will be made up of a payment of £325,000 on June 30 and the balance on August 29, which will be subject to the audited accounts for the year to June 30, 1975. Barclay, a private company, is the largest independent steel stockholder in Scotland.

Prince of Wales Hotels

Prince of Wales Hotels, whose business is centred on the North-West, moved from a pre-tax profit of £162,000 to a loss of £49,000 in the year to December 31. Exceptional expenditure was £36,000 and interest more than doubled to £67,000.

The board says the results were exceptional. They included part of the refurbishment expenditure on three hotels, a loss from the temporary closure of another and an operating loss on a third. The dividend is 3.51p against (3.41p) gross, or the same net.

SMC favours Adwest

The board of Sealed Motor Construction has come out strongly in favour of a merger with Adwest rather than the rival bidder Myson. They say a link with Adwest would form the stronger group for the benefit of both shareholders and employees and would give the financial basis for SMC's growth to resume.

In view of Myson's high gearing and dependence on one industry SMC do not think that merger would have the same advantages.

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Chairman says that engineering companies in UK and Australia have been awarded "additional contracts for coal preparation, pharmaceuticals and chemical projects to the total value of about £20m and the mechanical and electrical services side has secured contracts totalling in excess of £10m.

WADHAM STRINGER

In spite of difficult conditions in the retail motor industry trading of Wadham Stringer, the Rolls-Royce and British Leyland car and commercial vehicle group, was ahead of 1974 in the first five months of the current year, chairman told annual meeting.

LOVELL'S SHIPPING

Steps taken will have "considerable" effect in reducing trading losses, says chairman in report. As soon as international trade improves profits should return.

TARMAC

Mr Robin Martin, chairman, said profit for first four months was ahead of forecast, and should trend continue, company should achieve record results for ninth successive year.

WOLVERHAMPTON LOSS

In year to March 31 Wolverhampton Steam Laundry made a pretax loss of £13,600 against a profit of £8,600. No dividend against 0.65p.

QUEENSWAY DISCOUNT

Current year (to September 30) is expected to produce turnover of £18.5m (£11.45m last year) and pre-tax profits of £1m (£504,000), chairman reports.

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Scheme of arrangement for WMC-Great Boulde

By Andrew Wilson

Subject to the fulfilment of the usual legal requirements, the proposed acquisition of the outstanding 56 per cent of Great Boulder Mines will be by scheme of arrangement. The terms are one Western Mining for every two Great Boulder which was WMC closing last night at 158p in London values each Great Boulder at 79p compared with the closing price of 72p.

At present, Great Boulder owns 10m shares in WMC which will be offered to Great Boulder shareholders within a year on terms to be decided immediately before the issue. WMC equity will be increased by 3 per cent while earnings could be diluted. Great Boulder incurred an interim loss of $A425,000 with little hope of recover closing six months now to an end and with a la tion-mark over the f for the remainder of 1975.

Following the acquisi year by the Newfi government of the (Falls (Labrador) hydr project, Brinco is now different animal. Earn the first quarter of th have consequently from $C2.3m to $431,0(company, controlled Tinto-Zinc, expects that will also fall during mainder of the year. due to increased explor penditure and lower receivable as a result drop in interest rates i months.

AMC's new loans patter

Against a backcloth of falling land values, borrowers from the Agricultural Mortgage Corporation have been taking a greater proportion of loans at a variable rate of interest, Mr John Glyn, chairman, states in the institution's annual report.

This reduced pressure on fixed-interest funds, although, said Mr Glyn, it was a sobering thought that if the demand for fixed-interest loans had kept pace with the variable-rate loans, the current fixed-interest rate would certainly have to be 16 per cent per annum. Another problem was the fact that while borrowers required money for up to 30 years, investors were unwilling to lend for than eight to 10 years.

For the year to Ma AMC raised its net profit from £2.3m, to The board has writte £18,000 of bad debts, b provided £328,000 against loans. Mr Glyn says: "W have to increase the w and provision for bad deb year."

In the past year the co tion completed £38m of l while the sum on loan industry at the end of th was £274m (£244m a earlier). Loans in the p were down from £11 £5.5m.

New chairman at Leaderflush

Mr G. Simon, the new chairman of Leaderflush, has written to shareholders telling them that negotiations for the purchase of the subsidiary of a large public company have reached "an advanced stage".

hTe company's auditors Peat, Marwick, Mitchell have been asked to investigate, but in the meantime shareholders are "strongly advised" that any action at this stage might prejudice their best interests.

Mr Simon replaced Mr Cyril Rotherse, the chairman since last September who felt that as he lived in the Isle of Man he should retire and become a non-executive director.

Cheer by Rec Ridgway

Continuing the surge in the second half of 1 pre-tax profits of the I Ridgway hand tools soared from £165,00 £610,000 in the first h March 30. The comp period included the thr week. The dividend rise 1.3p to 1.69p.

Mr A. Hampton, cha thinks full profits match the previous fig just over £1m. There is big backlog of order materials are now more ful. New orders are and lower, reflecting conditions.

Flurry in Smiths debentures

Debenture issues of Smiths Industries were marked several pence firmer in after-hours trading yesterday after a re-jig of the four classes of this type of capital had been announced.

The proposals are being put because the board is aware of the restrictions of the various trust deeds which might inhibit the company's development. The board, advised by Warburgs, consider the terms "fair" to stockholders.

Main changes are that the rights and provisions of the 6 per cents will be amended in return for an increase to 7½ per cent in interest rate. The same applies to the 10¾ per cents, where the rate will rise to 11½ per cent.

On the 6 per cent irredeemable, it is planned to cancel and replace it with 11½ per cent stock, or, if the plans for the 10¾ per cents do not become unconditional, stock at the latter rate at £60 nominal of 11½ per cent for every £100 irredeemable.

The 3¼ per cents will be repaid at £85 per cent.

Business appointments

Mr Simon Cussons joins board of Paterson Zochonis

Mr Simon Cussons has joined the board of Paterson Zochonis. Mr George Loupos becomes managing director of Cussons Group. Mr John Zochonis and Mr Basil Spoudeas have been made directors of Cussons Group. Mr John Lee is to be managing director of Roberts Laboratories and also joins the board of Paterson Zochonis.

Dr John Middleton has been made a director of Ault & Wiborg Group as chief executive of its chemicals division. Mr B. E. Smith, previously group secretary, becomes managing director of Acalor International the subsidiary company. Mr D. J. Smith becomes group secretary. Mr J. Smethurst, formerly managing director of the pigments division, Ciba-Geigy (UK), has been made a consultant to Ault & Wiborg Group.

Mr J. W. Buckley has become acting non-executive chairman of Alfred Herbert.

Mr D. T. Wilkins has been re-appointed to the board of Kimberly-Clark as a non-executive director.

Mr W. J. Kenyon Jones, who is retiring as chairman and managing director of Ronson Products, is to be succeeded by Mr J. A. Goddard, who became deputy managing director in 1967. Mr I. K. Brook and Mr C. W. Duffield have been made deputy managing directors.

Mr Peter Stobart has been made a director of Hogg Robinson. Mr Kenneth Weir becomes managing director of Hogg Robinson & Gardner Mountain (Life and Pensions).

Mr Dennis Fleischer has become a director of Stylo Barratt Shoes. He also becomes deputy managing director of the Barratt division.

Mr F. P. Brewer has been made an executive director of Consolidated Commercial.

Mr C. G. Hodges becomes general manager of Marievale Consolidated Mines. He takes over from Mr R. D. R. Munro.

Mr H. W. Thompson has been made technical director (designate) of Wellman Incandescent.

Mr John Lees has joined the board of Mack & Edwards (Distributors) as financial director. Mr Vivian Foot and Mr Victor Sullivan join the board of Mack & Edwards (Southern).

The following board changes have been made by John Martin Foods: Mr A. R. Cave (chairman of Riddle Sawyer Foods and a director of Lewis & Peat), has become chairman. Mr W. S. Rogers and Mr E. E. Whalley have been made joint managing directors. Mr Peter Wright continues as sales director.

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	1975	1974
GROUP PROFIT beforeTax	£1,098,000	£890,000
CAPITAL EMPLOYED	£4,595,000	£3,519,000
EARNINGS PER SHARE	13·28p	10·33p

"Against the background of almost 100% increase in Group profits over the last two years, a sound activity base, and with trading results so far this year ahead of 1974, I am confident of maintaining a satisfactory rate of progress."

A. G. Burnett, Chairman

Copies of the Report and Accounts may be obtained from Burnett & Hallamshire Holdings Ltd., 119 Psalter Lane, Sheffield S11 8YS.

Caution pays off

Highlights from the report of the Chairman W. F. W. Fellows

The company's third year of operations resulted in profit after taxation of £84,253 after sustaining an underwriting loss of £84,967. Once again we are pleased with the overall results, which have been achieved during a very difficult period in the reinsurance business. Inflation continues to be the single most important destroyer of underwriting profits in excess of loss reinsurance. Because of this we have continued to maintain a cautious approach to new business. Accordingly the increase in our net written premium income for 1974 is a relatively modest 3.5 per cent.

As we predicted last year reinsurers have now started to become aware of the unprofitable results which were the inevitable outcome of a worldwide over-capacity situation. It was unfortunate that this situation coincided with a rising stock market and unprecedented high interest rates which encouraged far too many underwriters to accept business on terms which showed little, if any, hope of underwriting profits. Hopeful the substantial underwriting losses now being sustained, together with the sharp drops in the stock markets and falling interest rates, should encourage the business to return to a belief in the necessity of underwriting profits.

In the event that we do see a return to underwriting profitability, this company is ideally situated by location, strength and facilities to benefit from the changed market situation. We continue, therefore, to look to the future with optimism.

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Coats Patons faces up to peak inflation

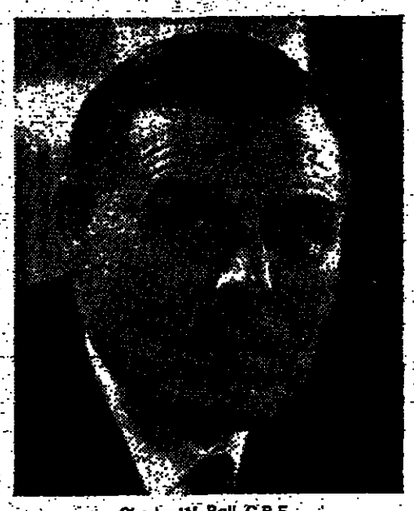
The following is the Review of the Chairman, Mr. Charles W. Bell, C.B.E., for the year ended 31st December 1974:

The Board

Mr. L. P. Bamford relinquished duties as an Executive Director on 1 December last, and will retire from the Board on 30th June. His service with the Company dates from 1935. He has been a member of the Board since 1966, during which period his contribution has been valued by his colleagues, who wish him a long and happy retirement.

Mr. C. Michael Bell was appointed Managing Director of J. & P. Coats, (Holdings) Limited, as from 1st January 1974, in succession to Mr. H. Godfrey.

Mr. J. McAdam and Mr. W. J. Shelton were appointed Directors of the Company in February 1975.



Charles W. Bell, C.B.E.

Staff

The year 1974 was a testing one for staff in all sectors of the business. The response was outstanding and the Directors wish to put on record their appreciaiton of this performance.

The Business Year

Later in 1974 the relative optimism which ran through my comments in the Review with the 1973 Accounts, published in May, was tempered by the first adverse movements in some of the significant business indicators both nationally and, increasingly, internationally. There was prompt policy reaction particularly in respect of the relevant financial controls. Nonetheless, given the circumstances, the first six months of the year, both as regards turnover and profits, produced satisfactory results. By the time we came to publish them, however, in November it was manifestly clear that we were running into a recession of some magnitude, and we said so with our announcement. The primary cause was undoubtedly the pressure of increased oil prices on world economies. This, together with other substantial increases in material and food prices, accelerated the latent trends towards inflation more or less universally. Some countries reacted with measures of deflation. Others attempted to ride along with the inflationary tide using palliatives of price control, subsidy, and the like, with equally disastrous results on the climate of business and on business confidence. The rise in production costs was of a degree never before experienced. This causes two major problems. In the first place it is extremely difficult, particularly in depressed trading conditions, to adjust both by the restrictive techniques and the delays occasioned by price controls, to adjust market prices either sufficiently quickly enough to cover the rise in costs. Margins therefore come under pressure. Secondly, the increased capital cost of stockholdings is a severe strain on liquidity. Insofar as self-generated cash flow is not equate to meet this demand, the interest cost of borrowings to meet the deficiency cuts further into already depressed trading margins. Under these circumstances cash conservation becomes a matter of necessity. The process is painful. Quantitative stock-holdings, already under strict systems of control, have been cut back to levels which under normal trading conditions would be regarded as severely restrictive in respect of both production planning and market servicing. Mill activities have been geared back to achieve the consequent reduction in actual stock. In a vertically structured industry such as ours the process takes time. Areas of less profitable trading have been examined to determine the financial balance between continuation and disinvestment. In those cases where there is no compensating longer term commercial advantage, operations have been and continue to be phased out, some temporarily, others permanently. Finally, considerable restrictions have been placed, as a temporary measure, on new fixed capital investment. Within the limits of cash availability working capital has a priority call. One can operate in the short term without new fixed investment. One cannot do so without working capital.

It is accepted that some of these measures do not always accord with normal business practice. We are dealing, however, with abnormal circumstances. When these circumstances change, as they will, so will our reaction to them.

As will be seen from the Accounts and my later remarks relative to them, additional capital absorbed in the business in 1974 was considerable. This involved a fairly substantial increase in borrowings and of the consequent interest charge. The measures we have taken have progressively slowed down this trend, assisted in many countries by a continuing reduction in the national rate of price inflation, which for our industry is now very largely a matter of labour rather than raw material costs. In this respect, however, the situation in the United Kingdom continues to be very disturbing.

Understandably with existing conditions we have difficulty in forecasting the effect on the Accounts of movements in the rates of foreign exchange. With our interim announcement we estimated, even as late as November, an exchange loss of £3,500,000 for the year. In fact the figure has turned out to be £1,600,000. With a differentially high rate of internal inflation, and with a differentially large current adverse trading balance, the position of sterling is technically weak. This could be reflected in relative rates throughout the year, in which case the overall outcome for 1975 would be an exchange gain.

Profits

Trading Profit. At £28,009,000, the Trading Profit for the first six months registered an increase of 11·4%. As clearly stated in our announcement, the second half-year showed a marked drop from £32,760,000 to £26,171,000, leaving the figure for the year down 4·6% at £54,180,000. Within this total, however, there is a weighting of very significant proportion. Two markets, U.S.A. and Australia, account for a fall of 17·9%. This means that all other markets, despite the difficult trading conditions, returned an *increased* profit of 13·1%.

Pre-tax Profits. These, at £47,257,000, compare with £54,146,000 in 1973, a fall of 12.7%. This reflects on the one hand the drop at trading level and on the other the considerably increased charge for interest, again as forecast in our interim announcement. For the reasons already given in this Review, Group borrowings over the year increased by £24,613,000. Additionally, the average rate of interest paid at 11% increased markedly over that of 1973, which was 7.6%. This rate is now tending to decline, but this is not necessarily a trend the continuance of which we would with confidence predict for the remainder of the year, particularly in the U.K.

Taxation

As you will recall, the imputation system of taxation introduced in 1973 was intended to re-unite the shareholder with his company as one tax subject, up to the standard rate of income tax. This meant that double taxation no longer existed in the U.K. This principle did not apply in respect of profits earned and taxed abroad when remitted to this country. Consequently, many multi-national companies find that the advance corporation tax, payable on dividends paid out of profits which have not borne a full corporation tax charge, effectively reduces the rate of U.K. tax for double taxation relief purposes to 17%. In addition, tax offsets such as capital allowances and stock relief, technically available in respect of the U.K. activities of multi-nationals, can seldom be fully utilised without running into problems with A.C.T. Indeed, purely U.K. operating companies can and will encounter the same problem and there is already evidence that companies are carrying forward considerable amounts of stock relief that could not be used.

The position is further exaggerated each time the standard rate of personal tax increases as a proportion of corporation tax.

It is obvious that on every occasion that stock relief cannot be fully utilised cash-wise because of A.C.T., the Government is, in effect, taxing inflation. It is also self-defeating to Government intentions if tax relief in respect of capital allowances and stock appreciation cannot in effect be utilised for the purposes intended.

Profit earned for Ordinary Shareholders. At this net level profits for 1974 were £23,461,000 (1973 £26,597,000) after extraordinary losses of £1,111,000, a reduction of 11·8%, or 7·6% excluding extraordinary losses. Exchange loss accounted for 4·2% of the fall.

Dividend

It is desirable to supplement what has been said earlier in this Review on the subject of inflation. The cash flow statement in the Accounts shows that over the years 1973 and 1974 additional cash employed in the business amounted to £114,621,000, of which £85,110,000 was self-generated and £29,511,000 borrowed. Inflation in working capital required £63,600,000, or approximately 75% of the self-generated funds, while the 1974 requirement of £36,847,000 exceeded the cash flow to produce a deficit of £2,118,000.

Our cash flow statement is deliberately laid out to show the capital cost of inflation as the prior charge against self-generated funds. By its nature, the capital cost of inflation is not an effective addition to the Company's capital, as it merely represents the additional cost of doing the same level of business rather than increased business on which additional profit can be foreseen. This capital has no earning capacity and must therefore be generated by the Company in the form of price increases and not raised in any form outwith the Company.

The Board of Directors believes that in the interests of the Company and its shareholders its prime objective is to deal effectively with the problem of inflation and, in so doing, to utilise the self-same tax system which, in our case, normally militates against a solution of the problem.

The Board has therefore decided, after much deliberation, not to recommend the payment of a final dividend.

I would like to emphasise that this decision has been taken for the protection of the shareholders' equity interest in the Company. Adequate profits for the payment of a dividend are available and there is no shortage of cash borrowing facilities. These currently stand at some £40,000,000, and the amount could be substantially increased were the need to arise.

Scrip Issue

The Board fully realises that shareholders may have cash problems and has decided to recommend to the shareholders a bonus scrip issue of one share for every twenty-five shares held by the shareholders on the register at 13th June 1975. It is hoped that most shareholders will retain the shares, but those who wish to have cash can sell them on the market in lieu.

Home Activities

The improvement of 1973 continued into the early months of 1974. Thereafter things took a decided turn for the worse. Financial stringency forced customers to cut back on stockholdings and orders tapered off in consequence. In a vertical industry this process has an accumulator effect, and it is therefore not surprising that the influence was relatively greater on those Home companies such as Patons & Baldwins, Limited, and West Riding Worsted and Woollen Mills Limited, whose manufacturing operations start at the raw material stage. Not surprising also that the influence in both cases was magnified by the fall in raw wool prices from the very high levels ruling in the immediate past. The reduction in Patons' profits was substantial. West Riding less so with an offset to lower results from other activities largely in the form of an improvement, following extensive reorganisation, arising in the Woollen sector. In common with the industry in general, the Knitwear Division results were very disappointing. The effects of lower market demand were exaggerated by substantial knitwear imports. Pasolds improved on the relatively poor results of 1973, but are not yet up to the profit levels expected from this operation. Jaeger profits at Trading were up on 1973, which under the circumstances was commendable. They would have been better but for the heavy cost of the reorganisation of Jaeger activities in the U.S.A. There has been a phasing out of some unprofitable sections of the Heathcoat complex, with a resultant improvement from the very bad results of 1972. The Non-Textile Division (largely small parts diecasting) fell away as the year progressed from record levels in the earlier periods. This sector is particularly sensitive to activity variations in the Engineering and Automobile industries.

Sales in J. & P. Coats (U.K.) Limited, both at home and with export business, held up well given the overall conditions. The considerable re-organisation of this company's production and selling arrangements is obviously paying off.

Coats Patons (Retail) Limited (the Bellman Shops) returns were poor for the second year running. Despite several changes in presentation, styling, range and pricing, we have never been able to get this operation quite right ever since the retail chain was originally acquired. It has had some limited use in retailing merchandise produced within the Group. Increased property values, of course, have always safeguarded us from capital loss on the cost of the investment. This was clearly, however, a sector of our Home operations which was brought sharply up against the Board's cash conservation directives. The decision was then inevitable. The shops will be sold off during the course of this year. The cash release not only from this sale but also from the working capital involved will give a substantial improvement in our sterling liquidity.

As I have mentioned several times in previous Reviews, there is a continuous process taking place of rationalisation and co-ordination of our complex Home activities. Events of the recent past have emphasised the need and added increased urgency to the pace. Several units have been closed down and others will doubtless follow as the various feasibility studies are concluded. Cost efficiency and the effective deployment of capital resources are the twin essential pre-requisites of successful business.

Foreign Activities

In foreign markets there were few exceptions to the general pattern of increased volume and value sales in the January/June period losing impetus in the succeeding six months. Insofar as market price adjustments were possible in terms of rapidly increasing costs, value assessments can be misleading. The position varies from market to market according to the nature of the production unit involved, but a reasonable average stock base between point of initial production and point of sale would be some 20 to 25 weeks. Clearly on this basis cost pressures were increasingly evident as the year progressed, and the rate was such that corresponding price adjustments to maintain margins were difficult and in many cases impossible to achieve.

In Europe the volume ratio of sales, up at the half-year, was down by December. The value increase over the same period was substantial. Spain, Italy and Belgium had a below-average performance, whilst Austria, Germany and Turkey were better than average.

The South American group of companies returned the best sales performance both by volume and by value. This area is heavily weighted by Brazil, where the rapid progress of previous years was temporarily halted, sales being about equal to those of 1973.

The Near East and Far East had a poor year, with total sales down markedly. India is the largest contributor, and the fall in this market was particularly severe in the second six months of the year.

Africa held up surprisingly well.

Quantity sales in Australasia were down. Cost escalation was particularly rapid. A combination of price controls and other depressive conditions, particularly in the general textile sectors of our local operations, severely affected prices and thereby trading margins.

The States complex is the most important of our interests outside the U.K., and the annual results from this country have therefore considerable relevance to the Group's figures as a whole. Whether by reference to sales volume, sales value, prices or profit margins, 1974 performance was extremely poor. As in so many other countries, production and distribution costs (and in the U.S.A. these latter are a very important factor) moved ahead at an alarming rate. Government deflationary measures, including lack of credit and cost of credit, cut back consumer demand. Fierce competition for the reduced business available made it quite impossible to effect the very necessary price adjustments in the market-place. The markedly higher production costs moved into inventories; this increased borrowings and, particularly with the high rates ruling throughout the year, the total charge for interest. None of the normal reaction from management, even American management, could effectively cope with this conjuncture. The residuary legatee is the Profit & Loss Account.

However painful this experience was, and indeed to a somewhat lesser extent continues to be, one cannot help reflecting that, from the point of view of the national economy, this process of sharp adjustment, which has brought current price inflation down to an annualised rate of about 6½%, has been well worth while. One can only hope that any measures of reflation, as a result of the political pressures arising from the 1976 Presidential Election, will not be such either in timing or in scope as to reverse the trend.

Prospects

Shareholders will appreciate how extraordinarily difficult it is under existing conditions to make any meaningful statement about prospects for the current year. The cumulative increase in profit attributable was 180%, for the three years prior to 1974. This underlying strength remains. Even for 1974 there is considerable relevance in the dissection given earlier in this Review of the movement of profits as between the two markets individually named and the rest of the world. It is a reasonable assumption that any continuing set-back in 1975 would be only of a temporary nature.

Personal

By September I shall have completed forty-five years' service with the Company. I shall then retire from the Board. For the past nine of these it has been my privilege to be your Chairman. The experience has been stimulating. There are no regrets. It is a good thing for any institution to open windows to the fresh air of new ideas and new authority. I would not wish to leave without taking this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to my colleagues, past and present, and to the staff for their unvarying support, also to you, the shareholders, for your continued understanding. I am able to inform you with considerable pleasure and confidence that the Directors have indicated to me their unanimous intention to elect Mr. W. R. Henry as my successor.

GROUP RESULTS FOR 1974

	1974	1973	1972
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Turnover	448,210	414,524	349,991
Assets employed	281,240	260,289	228,096
Profit before tax and loan interest	51,456	57,394	40,626
Profit earned for ordinary shareholders before extraordinary items	24,572	26,597	18,065
Earnings per share	9.2p	10.0p	6.8p
Ordinary dividend including income tax/tax credit	1.34p	3.86p	3.67p

The following statement was made by Mr. Charles W. Bell, Chairman of Coats Patons Limited, on June 17:–

The various comments made in the Press and by shareholders since the announcement of the decision to pass the final dividend for 1974 have been carefully considered by the Directors. The reasons for that decision are set out in my Annual Review. They are basic and unchanged. At the same time the Directors are agreed that it is desirable to give effect to those constructive proposals which have been put forward with a view to overcoming some of the short term difficulties. In consequence I should like to make the following points:–

1. The Board wishes to take this opportunity of stating its dividend policy for the longer term. The decision whether or not to pay a cash dividend and the amount thereof will be determined by earnings, irrespective of whether these profits are derived from the United Kingdom or overseas. As explained in the Directors' Report with the Accounts, the action in respect of 1974 represents a one-off decision in quite exceptional circumstances.

In this respect it must again be stressed that the decision was primarily influenced by the effect of inflationary pressures on the cost of working capital, amounting as they did to an increase of £64m over the two year period 1973/74. The higher interest charge on increased borrowings had its inevitable effect on attributable profit. The fact that no mainstream Corporation Tax was available in the United Kingdom to offset ACT would not of itself have led to the decision.

2. The Directors have agreed that a 1975 interim dividend, based on the increased nominal capital, at the rate of 0.9444p per share net (equivalent on the present basis of taxation to 1.4529p per share gross) will be paid. To help shareholders, and in particular those who take credit in their accounts for dividends on a calendar year basis, this dividend will be paid in December 1975 and not in January 1976 as would have been normal. This means that in equivalent terms total dividends of 1.8098p per share net will be paid during the calendar year 1975 based on the increased nominal capital. It is intended to pay all subsequent interim dividends in December.

3. Attention is directed to the statement in my Review on the impossibility, in view of international uncertainties, of giving any reliable forecast of profit performance for 1975. Cash liquidity is currently improving as a result of our various internal measures designed to this end, and of the substantial easement of the peak inflationary pressures of 1974 (except, regrettably in the United Kingdom).

At this moment in time the Board expects to wish to recommend a final dividend of not less than 1.7673p per share net (equivalent on the present basis of taxation to 2.7189p per share gross). The payment of this final dividend would, of course, be subject to authorisation under such regulations as might be in force at the appropriate time. This would then mean that shareholders would receive a total of 2.7117p per share net (4.1718p per share gross) as a distribution from 1975 profits.

4. The decision to recommend a scrip issue on the basis of 1 share for every 25 held is not designed as an alternative to the payment of a cash final dividend. For those shareholders who wish to sell part of their increased nominal shareholding to provide cash, the Company has taken steps to facilitate the sale, at minimum expense, of the new shares where their number is small.

Coats Patons

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FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Issues & Loans

A British Steam £817,500 issue and record year

British Steam Specialties with interests in pipeline equipment and civil engineering for local authorities *is raising* around £817,500 through an issue of 1.7m shares.

The new shares will be issued in the proportion of one new share at 50p for every four existing shares. These rested at 70p yesterday *in a thin market* though the rights element is worth 16p a share. The issue is underwritten by *J. Henry Schroder Wagg*, and the broker is L. Messel.

The directors say the new *money will cut bank borrowings* and, through an enlarged equity base, assist expansion. This *expansion has taken pre-tax profits* up from £405,000 in 1968-69 without a break to £1.17m in 1973-74, and *to £1.42m in the* year to last March. The latest 22 per cent gain came from a 26 *per cent rise in sales.*

The chairman, Mrs H. P. Waudby, cannot forecast the current year's *outcome.* But recession and rising costs are problems, and the group is discussing with *the Price Commission* its contention that BSS is £200,000 before tax above reference levels. *Meanwhile the* dividend on the old shares is to go up from 6.47p gross to 7.1p. In *1973* BSS fought off *bids* from both Bestobell and United Dominions Trust.

GLC is borrowing £2.5m at 11½ pc

Cut by *one eighth to 11½* per cent last week the coupon on this week's clutch of yearling bonds has been *raised to 11½* per cent. A total of about £12m is involved this time and the largest single borrower is the Greater London Council for £2.5m.

Other large borrowers for £1m are Central Scotland Water Development Board, Wycombe District Council, and the City of Nottingham. The GLC were Last in the market a month ago for a similar amount as now *but at that time the going rate* was 12¼ per cent.

East Surrey Water tender for £1m

Following the recent success of issues by Folkestone & District and North Surrey Water companies brokers E. B. Savory, *Milln are bringing to market* a £1m issue by East Surrey Water. Underwriting has been *completed for an offer by tender* of 9 per cent redeemable preference stock 1980. Full particulars will *be* available next Friday, June 20.

Scottish Offshore

James Finlay Corporation, the banking arm of James Finlay, has announced that the subscription list for their private placing of securities on behalf of Scottish Offshore closed yesterday. Applications were received for one million £1 shares at par, and these shares have been allotted in full.

Scottish Offshore was formed to invest in companies providing services and equipment to the *offshore oil and gas industries.* Chairman is Mr Campbell Nelson, who is also chairman and managing director of *Ultramar* and chairman of British Borneo Petroleum.

HAWKINS AND TIPSON

In response to the *rights* issue, 1,733,321 shares (91.54 per cent) were subscribed.

MARSHALL'S UNIVERSAL

Recent rights *issue* of 921,284 ordinary shares attracted acceptances for 860,817 shares (93.44 per cent). Balance sold in market at 105p.

Bank Base Rates

Barclays Bank	9½%
C. Hoare & Co.	*9½%
Lloyds Bank	9½%
Midland Bank	9½%
Nat Westminster	9½%
Shenley Trust	11½%
20th Century Bank	11½%
Williams & Glyn's	9½%

* 7-day deposits on sums of £10,000 and under, 6¼%, up to £25,000, 6¾%, over £25,000, 7¼%.

THE IMPERIAL COLD STORAGE AND SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED

(Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa)

FINAL DIVIDEND ON ORDINARY SHARES

Further to the notice of the final dividend declaration on the ordinary shares of this Company advertised in the press on 17th May, 1975 the conversion rate applicable to payments in U.K. currency in respect of that dividend is £100 = R156.0710 equivalent to 5.7660p per share.

The effective rate of South African Non-Resident Shareholders' Tax is 14.517%.

London Transfer Secretaries and Registrars:
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14th June, 1975

Foreign Exchange

Sterling recovered moderately in late European currency trading *yesterday* after falling to its weakest-ever levels in markets during the day. *The dollar* revived slightly and continued to show a close rate relationship with the *British currency*, dealers said.

Sterling closed at $2.2720 against the dollar, to show a net fall of *35 points*, after touching $2.2665 in initial trading.

The Bank of England's "effective depreciation rate" moved to 26.5 per cent at the close from 26.2 per cent overnight, *after hitting* a record 26.7 per cent during the day.

Late demand for sterling apparently reflected London financial market speculation that a *settlement to the* threatened United Kingdom rail strike may be reached, without the *Government* conceding a further inflationary wage demand, dealers said.

However, international concern over British inflation rates continued to dominate trading around *sterling.*

Gold rose by 25 cents an ounce, to close at $164.25.

Spot Position of Sterling

	Market rates (day's range) June 17	Market rates (close) June 17
New York	$2.2665-2740	$2.2715-2725
Montreal	$2.3255-3325	$2.3295-3305
Amsterdam	5.42-49½fl	5.46-48fl
Brussels	78.70-79.30f	79.05-25f
Copenhagen	13.20-31k	12.29¼-30¼k
Frankfurt	5.27-30m	5.28½-29¼m
Lisbon	54.50-55.10e	54.75-95e
Madrid	136.10-80p	136.35-55p
Milan	1413-20lr	1418-20lr
Oslo	11.03-07k	11.05½-06½k
Paris	9.01-05f	9.03½-04½f
Stockholm	8.81-87k	8.85½-86½k
Tokyo	663-73y	666-68y
Vienna	37.20-60sch	37.35-55sch
Zurich	5.61-64½f	5.63-64f

Effective depreciation since Dec 21, 1971 was 26.5 per cent.

Forward Levels

	1 month	3 months
New York	.60-.70c prem	2.35-2.25c prem
Montreal	.50-.40c prem	1.70-1.60c prem
Amsterdam	3¼-2¼c prem	9¼-8¼c prem
Brussels	25-05c prem	80-60c prem
Copenhagen	5-3ore prem	10-7ore prem
Frankfurt	2½-1½pf prem	8-7pf prem
Lisbon	30c prem-30c disc	60c prem-60c disc
Milan	1lr prem-2lr disc	3lr prem-par
Oslo	1ore prem-1ore disc	5-3ore prem
Paris	1½-2½c disc	2c prem-par
Stockholm	20re prem-par	4½-3½ore prem
Vienna	30gro prem-par	70-30gro prem
Zurich	3¼-2¼c prem	9¼-8¼c prem

Canadian dollar rate (against US dollar), $0.9747-50.

Eurodollar deposits (%) calls, 5-5½; seven days, 5-5½; one month, 5¾-5⅞; three months, 5⅞-6⅛; six months, 6⅝-6¾.

Gold

Gold fixed: am, $163¾ (an ounce); pm, $164. Krugerrand (per coin): $163¾-165¾ (£80½-81¾) (domestic); $168½-170½ (£74-75) (international). Sovereigns (old), $50-51 ($22-22½), (new), $50-51 (£22-22½) (international).

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

	Bid	Offer
$ STRAIGHTS		
AIDC 10¼ 1981	103	104
Airlease 8¾ 1988	86	88
Ashland 8 1987	91¾	92¾
BICC 7¾ 1987	69	73
Bristol 8¾ 1979	91	93
British Steel Corp 8¾ 1989	85	88
Burlington 7¾ 1987	91	92
Carrier 8 1987	90¼	91¼
Chevron 7 1980	98	99
Conoco 7 1980	96	97¼
Conoco 8 1986	96	97
Cons Food 7¾ 1991	87¼	88¼
Coventry 8¾ 1981	91	93
Coventry 8¾ 1980	89	91
Curacao Tokyo 8¾ 1988	93¼	94¼
Curacao Tokyo 10¼ 1981	103¼	104¼
Cutler Hammer 8 1987	92	93
Dana 8 1987	91¾	93¾
Denmark Kingdom 7¾ 1990	84	85
Denmark Mtge Bank 7¾ 1991	81	82
Dundee 9¼ 1983	93¼	95¼
Escom 9¾ 1989	91	93
Escom Floating Rate 1983	97	98
First Chicago 7 1980	95¼	96¼
First Pennsylvania 7¾ 1984	80	84
GATX 8¾ 1987	90	91
Guardian Royal 8 1987	76	79
Hambros 7¾ 1987	76	79
ICI 7¾ 1992	77	80
International Util 8¾ 1982	96	97
Legal & Gen Ass 7¾ 1988	73	76
Manchester 8¾ 1981	88	90
Mexico 8¾ 1991	81	84
Michelin 7¾ 1988	84	85
Mitsubishi 7¾ 1989	93¼	95¼
Motorola 8 1987	94	95
Nat & Grindlays 7¾ 1987	77	80
Nat Coal Board 8¾ 1988	85	88
Nippon Fudosan 10¼ 1980	103¼	104¼
NA Rockwell 8¾ 1987	90¼	91¼
Occidental 7¾ 1984	84	86
Pacific Lighting 8 1988	91¼	92¼
Pacific Lighting 9¼ 1981	102¼	103¼
Pennwall 8 1987	92	93
Ralston Purina 7¾ 1987	92	93
Scanraff 7¾ 1990	86¼	87¼
Scanraff 8¾ 1988	95¼	96¼
Shell 7¾ 1987	92¼	93¼
Singer 11 1977	102	103
Skandinaviska 10¼ 1981	103¼	104¼
Slough 8 1988	67	71
South Africa 8 1987	83	85
Standard Oil 8¾ 1980	101¼	102¼
Standard Oil 8¾ 1988	98	99
Standard Oil 8¾ 1988	99¼	100¼
Sybron 8 1987	92	93
Tenneco 7¾ 1987	87	88
Texuron 7¾ 1987	86	87
Transocean Gulf 7¾ 1987	94¼	95¼
Transocean Gulf 7 1980	96	97¼
Union Oil 7¾ 1987	91	92
Venezuela 8¾ 1987	93¼	95¼
Volvo 8 1987	89	90
Wm Glyns 8¾ 1987	80	84
DM BONDS		
APEL (DM) 10 1981	106	107
Charter (DM) 6¾ 1968.85	83	84
Courtaulds (DM) 6¾ 1969/84	81	82
Denmark (DM) 9¾ 1989	101	102
Escom (DM) 7 1973.88	74¼	75¼
Goodyear (DM) 6¾ 1972/87	87¼	88¼
ICI (DM) 8 1971.86	90	91
Mitsubishi Heavy (DM) 9¾ 1980	105	106
Nat West (DM) 8 1988	92	93
New Zealand (DM) 9¾ 1982	106	107
Suedairka (DM) 8¾ 1970/85	97	98
Sun Int Fin (DM) 7¾ 1988	91	92
$ CONVERTIBLES		
AMF 5 1987	61	63
American Express 4¼ '87	86	87
Beatrice Foods 4¼ 1992	93	95
Beatrice Foods 6¾ 1991	107	109
Beatrice Foods 4¼ 1993	103	105
Borden 5 1992	88	90
Borden 6¾ 1991	100	102
Broadway Hale 4¼ 1987	72	74
Carnation 4 1987	88	90
Chevron 5 1992	102	104
Cummins 6¾ 1986	82	84
Dart 4¾ 1987	88	90
Eastman Kodak 4¼ 1988	113	115
Economic Labs 4¼ 1987	81	83
Eaton 5 1987	84	86
Ford 5 1988	74	76
Ford 6 1986	82	84
Gillette 4¾ 1987	80	82
Gould 5 1987	81	83
Gen Electric 4¼ 1987	84	86
Halliburton 4¼ 1987	128	130
Harris 5 1987	96	98
Honeywell 6 1986	76	78
ITT 4¼ 1987	64	66
J Ray McDermott 4¼ '87	145	147
JP Morgan 4¼ 1987	124	126
Nabisco 5¾ 1988	88	90
Owens Illinois 4¼ 1987	83	85
JC Penney 4¼ 1987	82	84
Revlon 4¼ 1987	98	100
Rank Org 4¼ 1995	13	15
Sperry Rand 4¼ 1988	98	100
Squibb 4¾ 1987	86	88
Texaco 4¾ 1988	76	78
Union Carbide 4¼ 1982	103	104
Warner Lambert 4¼ '87	92	94
Xerox Corp 5 1988	77	79

DM=Deutschmark issue. Source: Kidder, Peabody Securities, London.

Discount market

Although money moved rather slowly and conditions towards the latter part of the day became very patchy, houses still had a fairly comfortable session in the discount market yesterday. Once again, the Bank of England intervened to "*mop up*" *surplus* liquidity, selling Treasury bills to the houses on a "moderate" scale.

Money was on *offer at the outset*, and with "calling" again quite light, rates of about 7½ per cent *gave way to 6 per cent* and perhaps even slightly lower, by mid-morning. In the final, rather patchy *conditions*, balances were taken anywhere between 6½ and 7½ per cent.

Money Market Rates

Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate 10% (Last changed 2/5/75)
Clearing Banks Base Rate 9½%
Discount Mkt Loans%
Overnight: Open 7 Close 6
Week Fixed: 8½-8¾

Treasury Bills (Dis%)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	9⅝	2 months	9⅛
3 months	9⅞	3 months	9⅛

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%) Trades (Dis%)

2 months	9½-9⅜	3 months	10
3 months	9⅝-9½	4 months	10¼
4 months	9¾-9⅝	6 months	10½
6 months	9⅞-9¾		

Local Authority Bonds

1 month	10¼-9¾	7 months	10¾-9¾
2 months	10¼-9¾	8 months	10¾-9¾
3 months	10¼-9¾	9 months	11¼-10¾
4 months	10¼-9¾	10 months	11¼-10¾
5 months	10¼-9¾	11 months	11¼-10¾
6 months	10¼-9¾	12 months	11½-11

Secondary Mkt. ECD Rates (%)

1 month	9⅛-8⅞	6 months	9⅞-9⅝
3 months	9⅝-9⅜	12 months	10⅛-10⅜

Local Authority Market (%)

2 days	8½	3 months	9⅞
7 days	9⅛	6 months	9⅞
1 month	9¼	1 year	11⅛

Interbank Market (%)

Overnight: Open 9 Close 5½

1 week	8⅝-8⅜	6 months	10-9⅞
1 month	9⅛-9⅛	9 months	10⅛-10⅛
3 months	9⅝-9⅜	12 months	10⅝-10⅜

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate%)
3 months 10 — 6 months 10½

Finance House Base Rate 10½%

Recent Issues

	Closing price
Akroyd and Smithers 25p	167¼
All Irish Banks 10% Cnv (£100h)	£43
Clive Discount (20)	31-1
Colne Val Wtr 9% Rd Pf (†b)	£11¼
Deelkraal Gold (R2)	380
Folkestone Wtr 9% Pf (†b)	£11¼
Gestetner 10% Cnv (£100)	£128
GLC 12½% 1982 (£97)	£38
Nth Atlantic Secs 7½% Cnv (£100)	£119
Nth Surrey Wtr 9% Pf (†b)	£11¼
Rank Org (140)	155
Slough Ests 10% Cnv (£100)	£139
Southend 12¼% 1981 (£99¼a)	£44¼
Treasury 9½% 1980 (£96)	£95-¼
Warwickshire 12¼% 1980 (£99½e)	£64¼
Waterford Glass 10% Cnv (100c)	3 prem
Yorks Chem 12½% Cnv (£100)	£81

RIGHTS ISSUES	Latest date of renun	
Assoc Engineer (43)	Aug 8	10 prem-1
BOC (46)	..	3½ prem
Barrow Hepbn (35)	..	10 prem-1½
Bell A. (85)	Aug 1	10 prem-2
Carless Capel (40)	..	20¼ prem
Com Bnk Aust (A$1.50)	..	85 prem-5
Duport (45)	July 25	3 prem-1
Ever Ready (85)	..	9 prem-4
Glaxo (200)	..	163 prem-10
Hestair (25)	July 18	25 prem-3
NSS News (10)	July 8	3½ prem-1
Prudential (105)	July 17	37 prem-1
Utd Biscuits (75)	July 18	15 prem-1

Issued price in parentheses. * Ex dividend. † Issued by tender. ‡ Nil paid. a £45 paid. b £10 paid. e £65 paid. f £50 paid. g £60 paid. h £25 paid. i £40 paid.

SVERIGES BANK

Principal amount of the issue of *9 per cent bonds, due 1982*, has been increased from SDRs 30 million to SDRs 40 million. Annual *coupon* 9 per cent and issue price par.

Macarthys Pharmaceuticals

Acceptances received for 1,835,578 *shares* (82.7 per cent) in connexion with rights issue.

LEONARD FAIRCLOUGH

In connection with the recent rights *issue to ordinary* shareholders of 1,983,746 ordinary shares of 25p each, 1,791,001 *shares* (90.3 per cent) provisionally allotted were accepted. Balance sold in the market.

Commodities

COPPER.—Wire bars were steady; cathodes were quiet.—Afternoon.—Cash wire bars, £523-24.00 a metric ton; three months, £541.50-42. Sales, 3,325 tons. Cash cathodes, £512-13.50; three months, £531-31.50. Sales, 275 tons. Morning.—Cash wire bars, £522.50-23; *three months*, £540-41. Settlement, £523. Sales, 12,975 tons (about half carries). Cash cathodes, £511-12; three months, £530-31. Settlement, £512. Sales, 100 tons.

SILVER was steady at the higher level.—Bullion market (fixing levels).—Spot, 196.85p a troy ounce (United States cents equivalent, 446.6); three months, 202.15p (455.8c); *six months*, 208.15p (461c); one-year, 221.60p (479.2c). *London* Metal Exchange.—Afternoon.—Cash, 198.0-98.5p; three *months*, 203.5-3.7p; seven months, 210.7-11.7p. Sales, 47 lots of 10,000 troy ounces each. Morning.—Cash, 196.8-97p; three months, 201.9-02.1p; seven months 209-10p. Settlement, 197p. Sales, 64 lots.

TIN.—Standard metal was steady; high-grade was idle.—*Afternoon.*—Standard cash, £3,050-54 a metric ton; three months, £3,062-63. Sales, 520 tons (mainly carries). High grade, cash, £3,050-54; three months, £3,062-63. Sales, nil tons. Morning.—Standard cash, £3,053-55; three months, £3,057-59. Settlement, £3,055. Sales, 496 tons (mainly carries). High grade, cash, £3,055-58; *three months*, £3,057-59. Settlement, £3,055. Sales, 10 tons. Singapore tin ex-works, $M937 a picul.

LEAD closed firm.—Afternoon.—Cash, £160-60.25 a metric ton; three months, £162.50-63. Sales, 4,100 tons (about half carries). Morning.—Cash, £157-57.50; three months, £160.50-61. Settlement, £157.50. Sales, 5,050 tons.

ZINC.—*Cash metal* was steady; three months was firmer.—Afternoon.—Cash, £309.50-30 a metric ton; three months, £314.50-15.00. Sales, 775 tons. Morning.—Cash, £330.50-31.50; *three months*, £311.50-312. Settlement, £331.50. Sales, 4,265 tons. Producers' price, £360 a metric ton. All afternoon metal prices are unofficial.

PLATINUM was unchanged at £64.75 ($147) a troy ounce.

JUTE quiet.—Bangladesh white "C" grade, *June/July*, £200; Bangladesh white "D" grade, June/July, £193 per long ton. Calcutta firm.—Indian, June, Rs 480; Dundee Daisee, June, Rs 438 per bale of 400lb.

WOOL: *Greasy futures* were steady.—July, 159.65p per kilo; Oct, 165.67p; Dec, 166.68p; March, 171.75p; May, 174.76p; July, 175.79p; Oct, 179.83p; Dec, 180.83p. Sales, one lot.

RUBBER was slightly easier.—July, 29-30p per kilo; Aug, 29.50-30p; July-Sept, 29.83-30.50p; *Oct-Dec*, 31.55-31.70p; Jan-March, 33.10-33.20p; April-June, 34.30-34.40p; July-Sept, 35.05-35.10p; Oct-Dec, 35.50-35.90p; Jan-March, 36.10-36.45p. Sales: one lot at five tonnes, 149 lots at 15 tonnes including two options.

RUBBER PHYSICALS were quiet.—Spot 28-30p per kilo; Cif's, July 26.75-27.0p; Aug, 27.25-75p.

EGGS.—*Home-produced:* The trade is facing a slower demand, particularly for standards and mediums.

Imported: Sales are slower, little interest being shown at this moment in forward purchases.

Home-produced market prices (in £, based on *trading packer/first-hand*):

	Wed/Thur/Fri	Mon/Tues
White		
Large	£3.90-£3.00	[illegible]
Standard	£2.20-£2.40	£2.00-£2.30
Medium	£1.90-£2.10	£1.80-£2.00
Small	£1.55-£1.80	£1.56-£1.80
Brown		
Large	£3.30-£3.40	£3.30-£3.40
Standard	£2.30-£2.40	£2.20-£2.40

Imported prices (in £), current arrivals (June 16-21): French 1's, £3.40 to £3.50; 2's, £3.00 to £3.10; 3's, £2.30 to £2.35; 4's, £2.10 to £2.20; 5's, £1.90 to £2.00; 6's, £1.70. Belgian 4's, £2.10; 5's, £1.90; 6's, £1.70; 7's, £1.40.

Note: All prices quoted are for bulk *delivery in Keyes trays. The above range* is a guide to general market conditions and is dependent upon location, quantity and whether delivered or not.

MEAT (Smithfield).—BEEF: Scotch killed sides, 34.0-37.0p *per lb*; English hindquarters, inc. heavy, 43.0-45.0p; English forequarters, 21.0-23.0p; Eire hindquarters, 42.0-44.8p; Eire forequarters, 20.0-24.0p.

VEAL: English fats, 38.0-43.0p; *English fats, 34.0p; English bobbies, 10.0-16.0p; Scotch bobbies, 14.0-16.0p; Dutch hinds and ends, 54.0-58.0p.

LAMB: English small, 32.0-38.0p; English medium, 32.0-36.0p; *English heavy*, 30.0-34.0p.

Imported frozen: New Zealand D's, 31.0p; New Zealand 8's, 29.0-29.5p; 31.0p; New Zealand 8's, 29.0-29.0p; New Zealand YL's, 28.5-29.0p.

HOGGETS: English, 20.0-26.0p; Scotch, 20.0-26.0p.

EWES: 12.0-13.0p.

PORK: English, under 100 lb, 28.0-34.0p; English, 100-120 lb, 28.0-33.0p; English, 120-160 lb, 28.0-31.0p; English, 160-180 lb, 26.0-28.0p; English, 180 lb and over, 26.0-26.0p.

*Special quotation—very high quality produce in limited supply.

COFFEE.—Robusta futures held steady *throughout the afternoon with follow-through* buying from the recent rise being well met by profit-taking. At the close, values were £3.00 to £6.00 higher on balance and sales totalled 891 lots.

Arabicas were 10 points higher to 130 *points lower in sales of* 12 lots.

ROBUSTAS.—July, £476.5-7.0 per metric ton; Sept, £479.0-9.5; Nov, £476.5-7.0; Jan, £477.0-8.0; March, £479.0-80.0; May, £479.0-80.0; July, £479.0-81.0. Sales, 891 lots, including four options.

ARABICAS.—June, $66.30-66.60 per 50 kilos; Aug, $68.00-68.30; Oct, $67.10-67.40; Dec, $67.00-67.80; Feb, $67.50-67.90; April, $68.10-68.40; *June*, $68.60-69.50. *Sales*, 12 lots.

COCOA Futures closed steady at £3.50 per tonne higher on balance to £0.50 lower. Conditions during the afternoon were fairly stable in relatively thin trading with the establishment of new "highs" for the day in the nearbys. But the market closed down from the "highs," though still steady in *tone. Currency again provided much* of the underlying support, dealers said.

July, £446.5-7.0 per metric ton; Sept, £443.0-44.0; New Dec, £453.5-54.5; March, £461.5-62.0; May, £465.5-66.0; July, £468.0-70.0; Sept, £473.0-74.0. Sales: 1,919 lots, including 13 options. *ICO prices, daily*, 43.50c, 15-day average, 46.64c, 22-day, 47.14c (United States cents per lb).

SUGAR was quiet. The London daily price was unchanged at £138 a long ton.—Aug, £135.00-135.50; Oct, £130.50-31.00; Dec, £130.50-30.50; March, £129.50-30.00; May, £130-30.50; Aug, £130.50-31.00; Oct, £130.50-32.50. Sales 2,634 lots. ISA prices: 12.80c; 17-day average 16.54c.

SOYABEAN MEAL was steady.—Aug, £71.00-71.70 per metric ton; Oct, £72.50-73.50; Dec, £72.40-72.50; Feb, £73.80-74.10; April, £75.40-75.80; June, £76.70-77.40; Aug, £78.00-78.70. Sales 164 lots.

London Grain Futures Market (Gafta).—EEC origin. BARLEY, steady.—Sept, £56.00; Nov, £58.35; Jan, £60.60; March, £62.45; May, £64.20. WHEAT, steady.—Sept, £59.00; Nov, £61.45; Jan, £63.75; March, £65.80; May, £67.50. All a long ton.

GRAIN (*The Baltic*).—Firmness in Chicago and renewed pressure on sterling resulted in higher prices for most grains. Business *for imported* material was light, but a fairly active *trade was reported for domestic* supplies.

WHEAT.—North American wheats unquoted due to currency uncertainties. *MAIZE.*—No. 3 yellow American-French, June, £54.35; July, £54.75; Aug, £58.25 trans-shipment east coast. Sth. Afr. *white dent*, Aug, £59.00 Glasgow. Sth. Afr. yellow flint, Aug, £58.50 Glasgow.

BARLEY.—EEC feed, June and July, £51.00; Aug, £54.00 east coast.—All a long ton, cif *UK unless stated.*

Home-Grown Cereal Authority's location ex-farm spot prices:

	Soft milling WHEAT	Feeding BARLEY
Edinburgh		£48.60
King's Lynn	£51.36	£50.00

Pahang issue drags

The rights issue of 16m shares by Pahang Consolidated on a one for one basis at par (25p) has proved unsuccessful. Applications were received for 7.1m shares leaving the balance of over 9.1m shares to be taken up by the underwriters.

METAL BOX

Metal Box has acquired Valer Flax, France, a manufacturer of plastic tubes. *Its turnover for* 1974 was in the region of £10m francs (£1.1m).

KNOTT MILL HLDGS

No dividend for year to end-February (1.9p). Pre-tax loss, £346,000 (profit £186,000) on turnover, £3.5m (£3.1m).

Wall Street

New York, June 17.—*On the* New York Stock Exchange today prices were slightly higher in brisk *trading.* At noon, the Dow Jones Industrial Average was 2.58 points higher at 837.14.

Analysts said the market, which rose in the last two sessions, was boosted by President Ford's statement last night that the economy had "bottomed out" and will soon be expanding again.

One analyst said the market is continuing to respond to the drop in April inventories announced last week and on expectations that interest rates will continue to fall.

Rockwell International gained $1¼ to $25⅞ and Gulf Oil $⅛ to $23⅞. Late yesterday, the companies said they were considering a possible merger or some other form of business combination.

Yesterday, the Dow Jones industrial average climbed 10.09 *points* to 834.56. *Advancing* issues outnumbered decliners by about nine to five. Volume *totalled 16,660,000 shares* compared with 16,300,000 on Friday.

Silver dips 3 cents

New York, June 16.—SILVER. The stability of currency markets was reflected in the performance of silver futures which closed 3.00 to 2.50 cents lower. Prices fluctuated by some 5.00 cents around Friday's levels. June 443.30c; July 444.50c; Aug 447.80c; Sept 451.20c; Dec 461.40c; Jan 464.40c; March 471.00c; May 477.50c; July 483.90c; Sept 490.30c. Handy and Harman of Canada, Can $4.600 (previous Can $4.576).

GOLD. Futures closed lower in quiet trading. The New York Comex dropped $1.40 to $1.80 and the Chicago IMM fell $1.10 to $2.00. NY COMEX: June $162.70; July $163.40; Aug $164.40; Oct $166.60; Dec $168.90; Feb $171.10; April $173.40; June $175.60; Aug $177.90; *Oct* 180.10. CHICAGO IMM: June 163.60 asked; Sept 165.30-165.40; Dec 168.60 asked; March 172.30 asked; June 175.60 asked; Sept 179.70 asked.

COPPER.—Futures closed steady between 10 and 20 points up on 961 lots. June, 52.00c; July, 52.10c; Aug, 52.60c; Sept, 53.10c; Dec, 54.60c; Jan, 55.00c; March, 56.00c; May, 57.00c; July, 58.00c.

COTTON.—Futures closed near the *day's highs*, about 0.52 to 0.44 cent up. July, 44.90-98c; Oct, 46.40-41c; Dec, 47.05c; March, 47.90-93c; May, 48.45-60c; July, 49.15c; Oct, 49.55c bid.

SUGAR.—*The* world spot price in No 11 contract was reduced 0.40 cent at 12.75 cents fob and stowed bulk, reflecting the tone of the futures market. July, 13.90-13.00c; Sept, 13.50-55c; Oct, 13.35-50c; Jan, 12.34c nominal; March, 12.40-25c; May, 12.28c nominal; July, 12.20c; Sept, 13.00-16c; Oct, 12.02-15c. Spot 12.75c, off 40.

COCOA.—Lack of notable trade *support* caused cocoa futures to inch lower today, with losses from 0.63 to 0.48 cent on a *reported* 780 lots.—July, 41.45c; Sept, 41.42c; Dec, 41.20c; March, 41.45c; May, 41.97c; July, 42.37c; Sept, nil. Spots, Ghana 65c, Bahia 51c.

COFFEE.—Futures in "C" contract pulled through a spiritless session to close mixed at 0.18 cent higher to 0.05 cent lower. July, 59.60-65c; Sept, 60.00c; Nov, 60.55c nominal; Dec, 60.25-40c; March, 60.55c; May, 61.90-80c.

WOOL.—Fine wool futures were unsold today. Closing bid prices were unchanged to *about 0.10 cent up for the* day. Crossbreds closed about 0.10 to 0.30 cent up on an estimated three sales. GREASE WOOL.—Spot, 133.0c nominal; July, 132.9-7.0c; Oct, 136.0-8.0c; Dec, 137.0-9.0c; March, 138.0-40.0c; May, 138.0-42.0c; July, 138.0-45.0c; Oct, 138.0c, bid. CROSSBRED.—Spot, 80.0c nominal; July, 77.0-93.0c; Oct, 80.0c; Dec, 81.0c; March, 82.0c; May, 82.0-7.0c; July, 82.0c bid; Oct, 82.0c bid.

CHICAGO SOYABEANS.—Oil erased best gains into the close, ending 0.05 cent off to 0.34 cents ahead while Meal added as much as $2.50 per ton. Cash selling tempered gains. SOYABEANS, July, 507-13c; Aug, 501½c; Sept, 490c; Nov, 491-92½c; Jan, 499½c; March, 507¼c; May, 512½c; July, 518c; Aug, 519c. SOYABEAN MEAL, July, $124.80-25.00; Aug, $126.00-6.50; Sept, $127.00; Oct, $127.50; Dec, $129.50; Jan, $131.00-1.50; March, $133.00-3.50. SOYABEAN OIL, July, 21.40-50c; Aug, 20.30-35c; Sept, 19.68c; Oct, 19.10-19.00c; Dec, 18.40-45c; March, 18.00c; May, 17.75c; July, 17.60c; Aug, 17.50c.

CHICAGO GRAINS.—WHEAT firm 7¼ to 9c higher. July, 304½c; Sept, 311-310½c; Dec, 321½c; March, 330½c. MAIZE closed firm 4¼ to 6c higher. July, 281½-282c; Sept, 267c; Dec, 246½-246c; March, 255c; May, 256-256½c. OATS one to 1½c higher. July, 137¼-138c; Dec, 139-141c.

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* Ex div. a Asked. c Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market Closed. n New Issue. p Stock Split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Foreign exchange.—Sterling, spot, 2.2725 (2.2655); three months, 2.2526 (2.2555); Canadian dollar, 97.48c (97.57c).

The Dow Jones spot commodity index was up .50 to 265.56. The futures index was up 1.23 to 245.46.

The Dow Jones averages.—Industrials, 834.56 (824.47); transportation, 167.53 (165.62); utilities, 82.37 (82.14); 65 stocks, 266.88 (263.78).

New York Stock Exchange index, 48.69 (48.20); industrials, 53.54; transportation, 37.50; utilities, 32.37 (32.14); financials, (51.21).

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1974/75 High	Low	Company	Last Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div (p)	Yld %	P/E
55	35	Armitage & Rhodes	45	—	3.0	6.7	5.0
125	90	Henry Sykes	125	—	4.9	4.0	8.3
61	29	Twinlock Ord	38	—	0.8	2.3	8.6
61	45	Twinlock 12% ULS	61	—	12.0	19.7	—

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INSURANCE

1974/75 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
70	19	Bowring	63	-1	3.2	5.0	..
106	33	Brentnall Beard	50	..	4.4	8.7	5.8
161	59	Britannic	140	..	10.5	7.5	..
192	65	Com Union	134	-4	10.2	5.9	..
166	44	Eagle Star	124	-6	7.1	5.7	..
210	50	Equity & Law	156	-3	7.6	4.9	..
172	62	Gen Accident	157	-3	8.1	5.1	..
280	64½	Guardian Royal	207	-3	11.6b	5.6	..
150	37	Hafford Shead	130	..	..	..	..
..	78	Heath C. E.	210	-6	9.4	4.5	9.9
..	40	Hogg Robinson	135	-1	6.1	4.4	13.2
..	30	Howden A.	126	-3	3.2	2.5	14.6
151	60	Legal & Gen	141	..	6.5	5.0	..
150	33	Leslie & Godwin	100	-2	5.8	4.4	13.9
..	..	London & Man	112	..	6.5	5.8	..
200	66	Matthews W son	150	-2	3.3	2.2	13.2
..	44	Minet Hldgs	79	..	3.3	2.4	15.4
..	81	Pearl	200	..	14.3	..	..
249	86	Phoenix	224	-6	12.7b	5.7	..
120	60	Prov Life 'A'	120	-2	9.4	7.8	..
128	60	Do A Br	120	..	9.4	7.9	..
128	60	Do B	120	..	9.4	7.9	..
128	60	Do B Br	120	..	9.4	7.9	..
145½	60	Prudential	125	-1	7.8b	6.4	..
300	110	Refuge 'A'	240	..	16.1	6.7	..
260	45	Do B	220	..	9.3	7.8	..
238	120	Royal	285	-3	18.5	6.5	..
..	..	Sedg Forbes	232	-4	10.9	4.7	18.0
..	..	Stenhouse	70	..	4.1	5.8	8.2
448½	207½	Sun Alliance	413	-2	25.7b	5.9	..
91	31	Sun Life	85	-1	4.0b	4.7	..
250	78	Trade Indem'ty	240	..	9.9	4.0	..

OIL

1974/75 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
59½	22½	Ampol Pet	39	-1½	2.9	7.4	16.5
91	53	Attock	76	..	6.1e	10.8	26.4
151	30	Berry Wiggins	53	..	2.9	3.3	19.4
190	66	Brit Borneo	144	-2	7.8	5.4	19.9
564	191	BP	520	..	25.2	4.9	3.6
458	27	Burmah Oil	30	-2	..	..	..
29	13½	C P Petroles	£25	..	165	6.5	7.2
169	22	Oil Exploration	68	..	2.4	3.5	21.3
33½	9	Premier Cons	18½	-½	..	..	..
34½	6	Ranger Oil	£14	+½	..	..	..
31	14⅝	Royal Dutch	£29¼	-2⅞	140	5.0	5.9
328	119	Shell	316	..	17.9	5.7	4.2
190	20	Tricentrol	64	-1	..	..	12.0
240	66	Ultramar	216	-2	..	..	6.7

PROPERTY

1974/75 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
72	24	Allied Ldn	34	-1	3.5	10.2	5.2
120	56	Allnatt Ldn	112	+2	4.4	3.9	23.0
64	22	Amal Inv	41½	-2½	0.7	1.8	6.7
111	38	Apex Props	82	-2	2.5	3.0	40.2
..	..	Aquis Secs	15	-½	0.8	5.4	57.7
..	15	Argyle Secs	43	+1	..e	..	..
..	37	Artagen Props	70	-2½	2.2	3.2	25.5
..	25	Beaumont Prop	56	-1	4.0	7.3	17.1
67	22	Bellway Hldgs	37	..	2.4	6.0	7.5
218	50	Berkeley Hmbro	160	..	5.0	3.1	39.2
..	59	Bilton Percy	124	..	5.8a	4.7	16.4
132	48	Do Accum	124	..	0.3	0.2	..
117	56	Bradford Prop	100	..	7.3	7.3	6.5
4¾	7	Brit Anzani	20	..	..e	..	..
121	6½	British Land	23	..	..e	..	..
105	33	Brixton Estate	90	..	3.0	3.3	31.0
91	11½	Cap & Counties	29½	-½	3.4	11.8	8.6
92	12	Centrovincial	29	..	..e	..	10.9
91	12	Do Cap	27	..	..	..	..
203	66	Chesterfield	125	..	4.2	3.3	18.5
75	20	Chown Secs	22	+3	2.1	9.5	2.8
208	48	Churchbury Est	93	..	5.2	5.7	25.5
59¼	28	City Offices	40	+2	2.0	4.9	23.1
34	9½	Country & New T	19½	+1	0.9	4.6	24.7
92	14	County & Dist	27	..	..e	..	14.4
110	14	Daejan Hldgs	36	..	4.5	12.5	10.7
131½	27	Eng Prop	80	-½	3.5	4.4	44.4
92	22	Estates Prop	49	-1	3.6	7.3	12.6
110	30	Evans of Leeds	73	..	5.3	7.3	11.4
25	6	Forum	18	..	0.4	1.9	40.0
30¼	5	Fraternal Est	12	..	..e	..	..
280	85	Glanfield Secs	170	..	13.1b	7.7	14.9
266	97	Gt Portland	215	+6	4.5	2.1	43.9
43	12	Green R.	19	..	2.0	10.5	24.1
56	20	Guildhall	44	..	2.8	6.3	15.7
470	125	Hammerson	400	+5	7.0	1.7	32.1
470	125	Do A	400	+5	7.0	1.7	32.1
258	78	Haslemere Ests	216	+6	3.4	1.6	63.5
74	22½	Intereuropean	31	+1	3.0	9.7	..
50	18	IPH	37	..	..e	..	14.9
60	4	Joviel	15	..	..	..	..
44	25	Land & Gen	29	..	..	..	45.3
35	8	Do A NV	11	..	..	..	17.3
154	16	Land & House	76	+1	5.6	7.4	11.4
232	60½	Land Secs	181	+6	5.5b	3.0	37.7
115	32	Law Land	76	..	3.1	4.1	37.3
112	28	Ldn & Prov Sh	65	+1	1.4b	2.2	47.8
55	2½	Ldn City & Westcliff	14	+½	0.1	0.5	..
58	25	Ldn Shop	46	..	1.4b	3.0	11.6
110	37	Lynton Hldgs	94	..	2.7b	2.9	39.2
208	63	MEPC	125	..	..e	..	22.9
82¼	16	Marler Estates	24	..	..e	..	30.0
108	33	Maybrook	40	..	3.3	8.3	8.8
44	11	Midhurst Whiter	17	..	1.3	7.4	32.1
255	109	Municipal	115	..	5.8	5.0	7.7
180	88	New London	172	..	7.4	4.3	25.2
65	16½	Peachey Prop	32	..	..e	..	5.8
200	76	Prop & Rever	179	..	5.9	3.3	31.0
195	76	Do A	178	..	5.9	3.3	31.0
240	90	Prop Hldgs	218	+3	7.1b	3.3	47.1
83¼	19	Prop Sec	40	..	2.3	5.8	12.9
24¼	3¼	Raglan Prop	5¼	+¼	..e	..	..
110	33	Regional	62	..	2.4	3.8	23.1
104	25	Do A	41	+1	2.4	5.8	15.3
66	12	Rush & Tompkins	36	..	3.2	8.9	10.7
80	13½	Samuel Props	28	+½	1.5	5.4	8.2
95	31½	Scot Met Props	90	..	2.8b	3.1	47.9
97½	26	Slough Ests	90	-1½	2.6	2.9	35.9
188	52	Stock Conv	158	..	2.3b	1.5	49.4
434	63	Sunley B.	138	..	5.9	4.3	18.6
55	8	Town & City	27	..	..e	..	..
54	5	Town & Com'	16	..	0.2	1.3	..
30	6½	Town Cen Secs	16½	+½	0.9	5.4	..
65	27	Trafford Park	48	..	4.7	9.7	11.3
43¼	6	UK Props	15	..	4.1	27.4	..
23	7½	Webb J.	13½	..	1.1a	8.1	12.6
54	22	W'mster & C'ty	13	..	2.1	16.2	1.9
102	30	Wingate Inv	26½	+½	..e	..	..
16½	3½	Woodmill	3¼	..	..	..	..

RUBBER

1974/75 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
39½	25	Anglo-Indonesia	34½	..	3.9	11.2	..
75	45	Bradwall FMS	58	..	2.8	4.7	..
118	57	Castlefield	87	..	2.9	3.3	..
31½	20	Chersonese	30½	..	1.6	5.2	..
66	26	Cons Plant	59	-½	4.4	7.5	..
24	9	Doranakande	9	..	1.4	15.0	..
56	27	E. Asiatic	51	..	2.5	4.9	..
73	36	Gadek	68	..	2.8	4.1	..
55	28	Golden Hope	49¼	-½	2.9	5.9	..
7¼	4¾	Grand Central	7½	..	0.6	10.0	..
415	128	Guthrie Corp	200	-1	20.3	10.2	..
57½	24	Highlds & Low	41	-2½	1.5	3.6	..
100	45	Hongkong	48	..	6.0	12.5	..
150	87	Killinghall	97	..	8.1b	8.4	..
32½	19½	Kulim Grp	23	-1	2.1	9.1	..
57½	26	Ldn Asiatic	49¼	-¼	3.2	6.6	..
39½	26	Ldn Sumatra	30	-1	1.5	5.1	..
27½	16½	Majedie	25	..	0.8	3.2	..
14½	5½	Malayalam	6½	-½	..	..	..
91	41	Muar River	47	..	2.0	4.3	..
55	26	Pataling	45½	-1	3.1	6.9	..
91	29½	Plant Hldgs	37½	-1	2.5	6.7	..
14	7	Sungei Krian	£11½	..	46.5	4.0	..

TEA

1974/75 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
86	50	Assam Frontier	86	..	10.0	11.6	..
54	28	Assam Inv	42	..	4.7	11.2	..
47	27	Camellia Inv	46	..	2.2	4.9	..
52	20	Clairmace	43	..	5.2	12.1	..
112	76	Crosby H-e	106	..	13.1	12.3	..
32	12	Deundi	22	..	..	..	..
130	130	Doolahat	130	..	5.0	3.8	..
117	65	Jokai	117	..	10.0	8.5	..
130	48	McLeod Russel	81	..	9.2b	11.4	..
98	80	Moran	98	..	9.1	8.3	..
31	23	Ouvah Highfds	23	..	2.2	9.6	..
44	22	Peacock Sasint	30	..	3.8	12.8	..
25	25	Sthn India	25	..	..	..	..
25	14	Surmah Valley	15	..	..	..	..
100	50	Warren Tea	75	..	9.1	12.1	..
47	20	Western Dooars	43	..	6.0	13.9	..
80	56	Williamsn Hldgs	72	..	6.3	8.8	..

MISCELLANEOUS

1974/75 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
11¼	8¾	Algoma Cen Rly	£9⅝	..	26.0	2.7	15.4
20	5	Antofagasta	£12½	..	..	..	..
47	12	Calcutta Elec	25	..	..e	..	..
36	34	E Surrey W 7%	£37½	..	700	18.7	..
32½	25½	Essex Wtr 7%	£26½	..	500	18.9	..
202	46	Felixstowe Dock	86	..	9.7	11.3	11.0
385	100	Imp Cont Gas	360	..	10.2	2.8	28.3
410	110	LET Hldgs	1.0	..	7.1	2.1	..
35½	25	Mid Kent Wtr	£30½	..	500	16.4	..
172	36	Milford Docks	74	..	..	..	14.0
95	56	Nigerian Elec	95	..	11.2	12.4	..
365	240	Perak Rvr Hydro	347	..	24.6	7.1	12.6
33½	26	Sunderland Wtr	£29½	..	500	16.9	..

SHIPPING

1974/75 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
252	57	Brit & Comm	162	-7	10.5	6.5	9.0
95	50	Fisher J	75	..	3.6	4.8	..
259	103	Furness Withy	214	..	9.4	4.4	4.9
160	44	Hill C Bristol	75	..	4.0	5.3	..
319	75	Hunting Gibson	232	..	23.8	10.2	1.7
42½	14	Jacobs J I	19½	-½	2.2	11.6	5.7
195	27	Manch Liners	145	..	7.5	5.2	5.3
121	50	Ocean Trans	108	-1	6.5a	9.9	10.5
134	77	P & O 'Dfd'	96	-3	8.1	8.4	..
225	55	Runciman W	100	..	5.7b	5.7	4.2

MINES

1974/75 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
450	150	Amal Colle	435	..	25.1	5.6	..
535	245	Anglo Am Corp	475	-5	17.8	3.7	..
45½	20	Ang Am Gold	£41¼	-¾	152	3.7	..
31	12¼	Anglo Am Inv	£30½	..	179	5.9	..
19	6	Anglo Transvl	£12½	..	61.2	3.8	..
19	6	Do A	£12½	..	61.2	3.9	..
166	77	Ayer Hitam	138	-2	14.6	10.6	..
56	20	Beralt Tin	22	..	..e	..	..
135	43	Bishopsgate Pl	100	-6	..	..	..
16½	5¾	Blyvoors	£9¼	-¼	62.5	6.8	..
280	44	Botswana RST	76	-4	..	..	..
260	162	Bracken Mines	280	..	36.3	13.0	..
254	126	BH South	190	-4	7.4	3.9	..
23½	14½	Buffelsfontein	£19	-¾	114	6.0	..
221	83	Charter Cons	175	-5	9.6	5.5	..
297	154	Cons Gold Fields	252	-2	10.0	4.0	..
30	7	Duggafontein	15	..	..	..	..
343	154	De Beers 'Dfd'	297	-1	15.2	5.2	..
19½	6¼	Doornfontein	£12	..	70.2	5.9	..
21	7¾	Durban Rood	£9½	..	23.3	2.5	..
195	45	East Dagga	80	-15	15.7	20.1	..
12¾	5	E Driefontein	£20½	-¾	41.5	..	..
48	16	E Rand Cons	24	-1	1.4	5.9	..
21	5⅞	E Rand Prop	£10½	-¼	24.3	2.3	..
425	190	Elsburg Gold	382	-5	29.6	..	..
17½	11	Ex-Lands	17½	..	2.3	13.2	..
32¾	10¾	F S Geduld	£29½	..	191	6.7	..
390	200	Geduld Inv	370	..	21.1	5.7	..
300	198	Geevor Tin	212	-2	30.6	14.4	..
29½	14½	Gen Mining	£30¾	..	134b	3.7	..
19	9	Gold & Base	15	..	1.3	8.3	..
297	150	Gopeng Cons	239	-10	21.9	9.2	..
85	23	Gt Boulder Gold	72	-2	1.7	..	..
310	130	Grootvlei	270	-10	12.1	4.5	..
185	71	Hamersley	140	-10	..	..	..
167	50	Hampton Gold	115	+4	1.1	1.4	..
10¼	4⅞	Harmony	£7⅝	..	47.5	6.1	..
32	13¼	Hartebeest	£24	..	127	5.7	..
39½	9	Jo'burg Cons	£25½	..	87.4	3.4	..
830	305	Kinross	670	-10	35.1	5.2	..
15¼	6¾	Kloof	£10½	..	35.1	3.3	..
232	77	Leslie	138	-4	14.2	10.3	..
17¼	6⅜	Libanon	£12¾	..	70.2	5.5	..
195	100	Ldn Tin	167	-3	10.5	6.3	..
200	75	Lydenburg Plat	132	+5	..e	..	..
244	94	MIM Hldgs	187	-13	5.9	3.2	..
180	62	MTD (Mangula)	75	..	8.2	11.0	..
220	65	Malayan Tin	188	-2	15.5	8.2	..
710	260	Marievale Con	420	-20	27.1	6.4	..
390	180	Messina Trans	340	..	20.4	6.0	..
77	22	Metals Explor	36	-2	..	..	..
345	150	Middle Wits	455	..	18.0	4.0	..
295	138	Minorco	290	-3	9.4	3.2	..
467	182	Ningate Explor	280	-3	20.8	7.4	..
53	22½	Pahang Cons	40	-2	3.1b	7.8	..
454	145	Peko Wallsend	205	-35	..	..	..
287	100	Potgietersrust	222	+4	..e	..	..
28	11¾	Pres Brand	£22¾	-¾	151	6.6	..
22¾	11½	Pres Steyn	£17¾	-½	83.3	4.8	..
470	139	Rand Mine Prop	270	-8	7.4	2.7	..

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1974/75 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
61	12	Ang-Cont Inv	60	..	..	..	10.5
59	25	Argentine S Lnd	57	..	4.5	7.9	9.8
230	30	Assam Trdng 'B'	120	-5	2.6	2.0	..
30	11	Boustead	24	..	1.7	7.0	7.0
75	4	Brit Debt Serv	18	..	..	..	..
110	40	BET Dfd	66	..	6.3	9.6	5.7
29½	6½	Cen & Sheer	16	-½	2.5	13.2	3.0
177	97	Challenge Corp	158	..	7.0	4.4	9.0
29½	9	Charter Cons	25½	..	0.7	2.8	10.5
72	21	Charterhse Grp	50	..	4.7	9.4	9.8
95	18	Charterland	45	..	2.0	3.5	15.9
32	19	C Fin de Suez	£4½	..	..	..	..
50	5	Corinthian	7	..	..	..	..
270	92	Daily Mail Tst	185	..	13.5	7.3	19.9
267	90	Do A	185	..	13.5	7.3	19.9
265	83	Dalgety	199	-4	12.1	6.1	5.1
65	8	Dawnay Day	16	-1	..e	..	..
34	4	Edin Ind Hldgs	8	-1	..	..	..
86	8	Equity Ent	18	..	2.7	14.8	..
33	10	Estates & Gen	13	..	..	..	..
95	23	FC Finance	38	-1	..	..	..
147	32	Fanti Cons	232	-3	2.5	1.9	14.7
48	11	Goode D & M Grp	21	..	1.2	5.6	7.5
62	22	Hoth'n 'A'	40	..	1.8	4.6	15.2
457	153	Inchcape	262	-2	10.8	3.0	9.7
25	14	Investment Co	15	+1	1.3	7.3	9.0
64	11	Jessel Secs	11	..	5.3	47.7	1.3
42	6	Do Dfd	6	..	..	..	..
29	10½	Kwahu Co	26	-2	..	..	11.4
80	24	Lloyds & Scot	65	..	4.6	7.1	13.2
78	18	Ldn & Euro Secs	37	..	2.4	6.4	22.4
45	7½	Ldn Aust & Gen	37½	-1	..	..	10.7
94	29	Ldn Utd Inv	57	..	4.8	6.3	14.7
43	20	Manson Fin	25	..	4.5	17.9	6.7
80	30	Martin R. P.	50	..	5.2	10.4	4.5
64	10	Mercantile Crdt	22	..	..e	..	13.5
14½	14½	Moorgate Merc	16½	..	1.4	9.5	6.9
27	12	NMC Invest	24	..	2.0	8.3	15.4
117	28	New World	106	-2	2.8	3.7	62.4
134	27	Prov Fin Grp	70	..	5.9	8.5	8.8
800	280	Real Estate SA	775	..	26.9	3.7	35.0
124	42	Sime Darby	93	-1	1.9	2.0	11.7
50	15	Smith Bros	46	..	5.2b	11.3	5.6
10¼	6	Tyndall O'seas	£7¾	..	48.4	6.4	..
84	10	Utd Dom Tst	21	..	..b	..	9.5
85	2	Vavasseur	7	..	..b	..	..
75	9	Wagon Fin	33	..	2.2	6.8	12.8
36	17	Western Sel	33	..	1.8	5.7	7.9
48	19	Yule Catto	34	-1	1.6	4.6	13.6

● Ex dividend. a Ex all. b Forecast dividend. e Corrected price. e Interim payment passed. f Price at suspension. g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment. h Bid for company. k Pre-merger figures. n Forecast earnings. p Ex capital distribution. r Ex rights. s Ex scrip or share split. t Tax free. y Price adjusted for late dealings. .. No significant data.

THE TIMES SHARE INDICES

The Times Share Indices for 17.06.75 (base date June 2, 1964 original base date June 2, 1959):—

	Index No. Latest	Div. Yield %	Earnings Yield %	Index No. Previous
The Times Industrial Share Index	138.43	6.81	13.69	140.34
Largest Cos.	138.28	6.55	13.30	140.10
Smaller Cos.	142.81	7.66	14.93	143.64
Capital Goods	134.79	7.45	15.66	149.18
Consumer Goods	158.29	6.51	12.55	160.70
Store Shares	129.10	7.48	7.80	130.37
Largest financial shares	188.79	5.15	—	151.02
Largest financial and industrial shares	147.97	6.28	—	149.60
Commodity shares	226.53	4.59	13.59	230.52
Gold Mining shares	625.60	5.08	8.04	625.50
Industrial debenture stocks	75.67	8.26*	—	75.69
Industrial preference stocks	45.01	15.12*	—	44.83
3½% War Loan	24⅛	14.61*	—	24⅛

A record of The Times Industrial Share Indices is given below:—

	High	Low
All-time	198.47 (15.08.72)	60.18 (12.12.74)
1975	150.16 (05.06.75)	61.42 (06.01.75)
1974	136.18 (28.02.74)	60.18 (12.12.74)
1973	189.33 (12.01.73)	120.99 (14.12.73)
1972	198.47 (15.08.72)	174.48 (10.01.72)
1971	174.77 (31.12.71)	122.23 (02.03.71)
1970	145.78 (14.01.70)	110.75 (26.05.70)

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...You and Me. 11.00, ...1.20, Cricket: The ... Cup Semi-finals, ... Australia and West ...New Zealand. 11.40, ...2.00, Cricket. 1.30 ...rbobs. 1.45, News. ...ols. 2.40, Cricket. ...nal News. 4.00, Play ...25, Wacky Races. ...nory. 4.50, Z-Shed. ... African Prince. 5.40, ...s. ...onwide. ...: Fury at ...gglers' Bay, with ...r Cushing, John ...er, Bernard Lee. ...ivors. ...ervative Party ...dical Broadcast. ...s. ...: Only on Sunday, ...dick Clement, Ian La ...ais, with Trevor ...ister, Peter Bowles. ...re Previn's Music ...t (new series), with ...icio Gutierrez ...no), and the London ...phony Orchestra ... Tchaikovsky and ...as. ...ket: The Prudential ... highlights. ...Weather. ...white.

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...es. 1.30 pm, A Window ...2.00, Houseparty. 2.30, ...Orbit 5. 5.25, Cross... ... News. 6.01, Report ... Report Wales. 6.30, ...to Nest. 7.00, Thames. ...Story. 8.30, Thames. ...ling. 11.20, Police Sur... ...50, Weather. HTV ...LES.—As HTV except: ...m, Penawdau Newyddion. 4.25, Miri Mawr. ...Miri Mwy. 6.01-6.15, Y ...WEST.—As HTV except: ...am, History Around ...30 pm, Report West ...15-6.30, Report West.

...ies. 1.25 pm, Anglia ...Showcase. 2.00, House... ...Thames. 5.20, Las... ... News. 6.00, About ... Thames. 8.30, The ...9.30, Thames. 10.35, ...11.20, Your Music at ...

...les. 5.20 pm, Survival. ...8.00, Summer ...r ... ...5, Thames. 8.30, The ...San Francisco. 9.30, ...35, Wrestling.

BBC 2

6.40-7.55 am, Open University: Hormones and Homeostasis; 7.05, Water Resources; 7.30, Chemistry of Carbon Compounds. 10.35, Nai Zindagi Naya Jeevan. 11.00, Play School. 11.25-12.00, Cricket: The Prudential Cup, semi-finals. 1.40 pm, Cricket. 2.15, Cricket.

7.30 Newsday.
7.45 International Rugby, New Zealand v Scotland.
8.10 The Ascent of Man: The Grain in the Stone.
9.00 Conservative Party Political Broadcast.
9.05 Play, The Poisoning of Charles Bravo, by Ken Taylor, with Maureen O'Brien, Freda Dowie, Paul Darrow, Robert Harris.
10.20 Wimbledon '75: The Players, the Prospects.
10.50 Don't Quote Me.
11.15 News Extra.
11.34-11.35, Closedown: William Squire reads Inexpensive Progress by Sir John Betjeman.

Yorkshire

12.00, Thames. 1.30 pm, Bygones. 2.00, Thames. 5.20, Out of Town. 5.50, News. 6.00, Calendar. 6.35, Thames. 8.30, Hawaii Five-O. 9.30, Thames. 10.35, The Odd Couple. 11.05, Wrestling. 11.50, Look Ahead.

Border

12.00, Thames. 1.30 pm, He's Not the Walking Kind. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.30, Thames. 5.20, Circus. 5.50, News. 6.00, Border News. 6.35, Thames. 10.35, Wrestling. 11.20, Border News.

Grampian

12.00, Thames. 1.30 pm, Show it Again. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.30, Thames. 5.20, Dusty's Trail. 5.50, News. 6.00, Grampian News. 6.15, The Wednesday File. 6.35, Thames. 8.30, Kung Fu. 9.25, Police Newsroom. 9.30, Thames. 10.35, Wrestling. 11.20, Evening Prayers.

Tyne Tees

12.00, Thames. 1.30 pm, Galloping Gourmet. 2.00, Women Only. 2.30, Thames. 5.20, Woody Woodpecker. 5.50, News. 6.00, Today at Six. 6.35, Thames. 8.30, Hawaii Five-O. 9.30, Thames. 10.40, Boney. 11.40, Late News Extra. 11.45, Let There Be Light.

Scottish

12.00, Thames. 1.25 pm, Road and Weather. 1.30, The Protectors. 2.00, Housecall. 2.30, Thames. 5.20, Katt. 5.25, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Scotland Today. 6.30, Chicago Teddybears. 7.00, Thames. 10.35, At Your Request. 11.05, Late Call. 11.10, A Place in Europe.

Thames

12.00, Mr Trimble. 12.15 pm, Rupert Bear. 12.30, Mr and Mrs. 1.00, First Report. 1.20, Lunchtime Today. 1.30, Kreskin. 2.00, Good Afternoon. 2.30, Show Jumping from Lincolnshire. 4.25, Baldmoney. 4.50, You Must be Joking! 5.20, The Brady Bunch.

5.50 News.
6.00 Today.
6.35 Crossroads.
7.00 Don't Ask Me.
7.30 Coronation Street.
8.00 And Mother Makes Five.
8.30 Marcus Welby.
9.30 The World of Television.
10.00 Conservative Party Political Broadcast.
10.05 News.
10.35 Special Branch.
11.35 Wrestling.
12.15 am, Stranger in the City.

Westward

12.00, Thames. 1.30 pm, Show it Again. 2.00, Thames. 5.20, Elephant Boy. 5.50, News. 6.00, Westward Diary. 6.35, Thames. 8.30, The Streets of San Francisco. 9.30, Thames. 10.35, Wrestling. 11.15, Westward News. 11.18, Faith for Life.

ATV

12.00, Thames. 1.30 pm, Show it Again. 2.00, Thames. 5.20, ATV Today. 5.50, News. 6.00, ATV Today. 6.35, Crossroads. 7.00, Thames. 8.30, Kung Fu. 9.30, Thames. 10.35, Wrestling. 11.20, Morris Stuart.

Southern

12.00, Thames. 1.30 pm, Wait Till Your Father Gets Home. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.30, Thames. 5.20, Dodo. 5.25, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Day by Day. 7.00, Thames. 8.30, The World of Television. 9.00, Hawaii Five-O. 10.00, Thames. 10.35, Orson Welles. 11.05, Southern News Extra. 11.15, Movin' On. 12.10 am, Weather, Guideline.

Granada

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, This Is Your Right. 1.30, Galloping Gourmet. 2.00, Thames. 5.15, Betty Boop. 5.20, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Granada Reports. 6.30, Firehouse. 7.00, Thames. 8.30, The Streets of San Francisco. 9.30, Thames. 10.35, Hawkins. 12.00, Inner Space.

Radio

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6.00 am, News. 6.02, Simon Bates. 7.00, Paul Burnett. 9.00, Tony Blackburn. 12.00, Johnnie Walker. 2.0, Ed Stewart. 5.00, Newsbeat. 5.15, Anne Nightingale. 7.02, Lucky 13. 7.32, Ring A Song. 8.02, Country Club. 10.02, Sport. 10.05, Eugene Fraser. 12.31 am, News.
† Stereo.

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6.00 am, As Radio 1. 7.02, Terry Wogan. 9.02, Pete Murray. 10.30, Waggoners' Walk. 11.30, Jean Challis. 12.02, 1.02, Cricket: The Prudential Cup semi-finals. 1.30 pm, Cricket scores. 2.02, Ed Stewart.† (including on 1500, Cricket and racing from Royal Ascot). 5.02, Waggoners' Walk. 5.17, Sam Costa.† 6.45, Sports Desk. 7.02, As Radio 1.

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7.00 am, News. 7.05, Janacek, Wieniawski, Sullivan.† 8.00, News. 8.05, Rameau, Ireland, Bax.† 9.00, News. 9.05, Schumann.† 9.45, Organ Music: Brahms, Bach, Mendelssohn.† 10.20, Rossini, Schubert.† 11.15, Concert: Part 1, Beethoven, Chopin.† 12.15 am, Interval Reading. 12.25, Concert: Part 2, Stravinsky.† 1.00, News. 1.05, Concert Hall: Paul Patterson, Villa-Lobos, Brahms.† 2.05, Stravinsky: Symphonic Poem and Mawra.† 3.00, Biber, J. C. Bach, Schubert.† 3.55, In Repertory: John Cox discusses and illustrates operas he has produced.† 5.00, Choral Evensong. 5.45, Homeward Bound. 6.05, News. 6.10, Homeward Bound. 6.30, Study on 3: Vient de Paraître, part 10: Grande Première. 7.00, Euromagazine, part 4: La Radio et la Télévision. 7.30, O Sir Walter! Catches and part songs of the tavern by Purcell, Ravenscroft and William Lawes.† 8.00, Richter Plays Beethoven: Part one.† 8.35, Arts Worldwide. 8.55, Recital, part 2: Beethoven.† 9.45, Scientifically Speaking: Man on the Moon, with John Maddox. 10.25, Havergal Brian and the London Philharmonic Orchestra.† 11.25-11.30, News.

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6.20 am, News. 6.22, Farming Today. 6.40, Prayer for the Day. 6.45, Today. 7.00, News. 7.27, Sportsdesk. 7.35, Today's Papers. 7.45-7.50, Thought for the Day. 7.55, Weather. 8.00, News. 8.35, Yesterday in Parliament. 9.00, News. 9.05, The Living World. 9.35, Frank Muir goes into . . . Jealousy. 10.00, News. 10.05, In Britain Now. 10.30, Service. 10.45, Story: The Rocks of Destiny. 11.00, News. 11.05, Round Britain Quiz. 11.30, Play: The Ogden File. 12.00 pm, News. 12.02, You and Yours. 12.27, Brain of Britain 1975: London and Home Counties. 12.55, Weather.
1.00 pm, The World At One. 1.30 The Archers. 1.45, Woman's Hour. 2.45, Listen With Mother. 3.00, News. 3.05, Play: Milk in the Coffee. 4.00, News. 4.05, Because the Scenery's Better. 4.35, Story: The Limbo Line: part 7. 5.00, PM Reports. 5.50, Financial Report. 5.55, Weather and programme news.
6.00, News. 6.15, Twenty Questions. 6.45, The Archers. 7.00, News Desk. 7.30, It's Your Line. 8.30, The G.Is: the impact of American forces on Britain in the war. 9.30, Kaleidoscope. 10.00, The World Tonight. 10.45, A Book at Bedtime: Jack Would Be a Gentleman. 11.00, Financial World. 11.15, Today in Parliament. 11.45, News. 12.06 am-12.09 am, Inshore forecast.

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COTTFELD.—On 12th June, 1975, at his home in Germany, Fritz Herman, aged 76 years. For many years, closely connected with the non-destructive testing industry in Great Britain.

HARTNELL.—On June 17th, at 19 Downshire Hill, Hampstead, N.W.3, Archibald Philip. Cremation at Golders Green. No flowers, by request.

HATCH - ANDERSON - PELHAM.—On June 9th, Courtenay de Vaux Newbery, widower of Edmee Manning, 1881-1961. B.A. Hons., London Royal Holloway College. Cremation took place at Golders Green Crematorium on 14th June, and the ashes were interred in the Hatch family grave on 17th June at St. Marylebone Cemetery. A service of thanksgiving for the lives of Mr. & Mrs. Hatch-Anderson-Pelham will be announced later. At their request, no dismal mourning.

HELME.—On 17th June, 1975, at home, in her 87th year, Muriel, wife of the late James Helme, of Forgewood, Halton, Lancaster. Much loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral service at Lancaster Crematorium at 12 noon on Monday, 23rd June, 1975. No flowers.

HOUGHTON, ELSIE AGNES, eldest child of the late Rev. Thomas and Elizabeth Ann, passed peacefully away, at 38 Queen's Court, Clifton, Bristol, on June 14, aged 88. Dearly loved by Eileen, Tim and Biddy, her three sisters-in-law, all her nephews and nieces, and all their children. "With Christ, which is far better." Funeral, 2 p.m., Friday, at St. John's on-the-Wall. No flowers.

JACKSON-LIPKIN.—On 10th June, 1975, in London, Dr I. J. (Jack) Jackson-Lipkin of Westhill, Alexandra Drive, Liverpool. Beloved father of Miles and Mavis, father-in-law of Lucille and Neil and grandfather of Gabriel and Joanna. Deeply mourned by his family, relations and friends in England, Hongkong and South Africa.

JARRATT.—On 16th June, peacefully at Pinehurst, Mickleham, in her 90th year, Dora nee Brackenbury, widow of the Reverend G. L. Jarratt Lan., Much loved godmother and aunt of John and Tony. Funeral Wytham, near Oxford, Saturday June 21, 2.30 pm.

KNOWLES.—On June 13th, 1975, at his home, Arthur Leonard Hunter Knowles, of Compton, St. Saviour's Road, Bath, father of Wendy and Beverley. Funeral service Haycombe Crematorium, Bath, on Friday, June 20th at 12.20 p.m. No flowers, please, but donations may be sent to The National Royal Lifeboat Institution, c/o Jollys Funeral Directors, 13 Milsom Street, Bath.

LOXTON.—On June 15th, Margaret Joanna, after a short illness, at home. Funeral will be at Colston Bassett Church at 2.30 p.m., on Friday, 20th June.

MACGREGOR WILLIAMS.—On June 12th, Susan Florence, wife of the late Dr. C. R. MacGregor Williams. Service Eltham Crematorium, Thursday, June 19th, 2 p.m. No flowers. No letters. Donations by request. Memorial Prize, care of Michael Brown, Headmaster, Chislehurst and Sidcup Grammar School, Hurst Road, Sidcup.

MYERS-WARD.—On June 16th, 1975, peacefully, at the Brompton Hospital, Kathleen Mildred, of 1 The Boltons, sister of Mrs Clare Randall-Jones. Funeral service at St. Mary's, The Boltons, SW10, 12.15 p.m. Friday, June 20th, followed by private cremation at Putney. No flowers please, but donations, if desired, to The League of Friends, Royal Marsden Hospital, Fulham Rd., London.

NOLTINGK.—On June 15th, in a nursing home, Gladys Mary, aged 84, beloved wife of the late Edward Noltingk, formerly of Bath. Service and committal at Altrincham Crematorium, on this day, Wednesday, at 9.30 a.m. Enquiries to: Messrs John H. Ashton & Co. Tel.: 061-928 7816.

PAKEMAN.—On June 15th, Sidney Arnold Pakeman, C.B.E., M.C., E.D., beloved husband, father and grandfather. Cremation private. No flowers or letters, please. If desired, donations to the Royal Masonic Hospital.

PIFFARD.—On June 16th, peacefully, after a long illness, at West Middlesex Hospital, Frederic Hamilton Carroll, dearly loved by his wife Mary and step-son Philip. Cremation on Monday. Vale Crematorium at 12.30 p.m. Flowers June 23rd at 12.30 p.m. Flowers to Frederick W. Paine, 31 Church Street, Twickenham.

SANDEMAN.—On June 14th, Janie Isabel, aged 97, widow of Major Graham Sandeman. Funeral service at St. Mary Abbots Church, Kensington, Friday, June 20th at 3 p.m., followed by private cremation. Flowers to J. H. Kenyon Chapels, 83 Westbourne Grove, W.2, by 12 noon.

THOMPSON.—On June 17th, 1975, at his home, John Harold Crossley Thompson, Fellow of Wadham College, Oxford. Dearly loved husband of Kay and father of Nan, John, Jocelyn and Patrick. Funeral private, no flowers.

THOMSON.—On June 15th, Antony Noel Monk, of 25 Clarence Road, Wroxall, Ventnor, formerly of Westcliffe-on-Sea and Haslemere. Beloved husband of Mary and father of John and Susan.

TRIPP.—On 16th June, 1975, in London, aged 92 years, Lilian Mary, elder daughter of James and Mary Ann Tripp, Newcastle upon Tyne, and sister of the late Mrs. E. J. Slater, formerly of Aberdeen.

WILSON.—On June 17th, 1975, suddenly at home, John Eric Walker Wilson (late Furness Withy Line).

YOUNG.—On 17th June, 1975, peacefully in Salisbury Infirmary, Joan (nee Raxworthy), dearly loved wife of Oswald, of Quarry Garden, Wardour, Tisbury, Wiltshire. Cremation (private) followed by Memorial Service at Tisbury Parish Church, at 2.30 p.m. on Friday, 20th June. No flowers, please, but donations may be sent to the British Heart Foundation.

FUNERAL

GHOSH, DR. J. C., born in India on 30th December, 1904, died in England on 28th May, 1975. Cremation at Golders Green Crematorium, Hoop Lane, London, NW11, on Thursday, 19th June, 1975, at 3.45 p.m. Further particulars, 01-333 9091.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

HAYWARD.—A memorial service will be held for Tom Christopher Hayward, C.B.E., D.L., at Chichester Cathedral, on Monday, July 7th, at noon.

HODGES.—A memorial service for John G. Hodges will be held in the Grosvenor Chapel, South Audley St., W.1, on Tuesday, June 24th, at 11.30 a.m.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

HUMFREY.—The memorial service for Stuart Harold Guise Humfrey, of Dallington, Northampton, will take place at the Church of St. Mary, Dallington, Northampton, on Sunday, June 29th, 1975, at 3 p.m.

SHUARD ASHER.—The Service in memory of Amy Shuard Asher will take place at St. Pauls Church, Covent Garden, on Tuesday 24th at noon. All flowers to be sent to St. Pauls Church.

WEATHERDON, ALICE.—Of Vine Cottage, Chideock, Dorset. A memorial service will take place at Chideock Parish Church, on Thursday, 26th of June, at 2.30 p.m.

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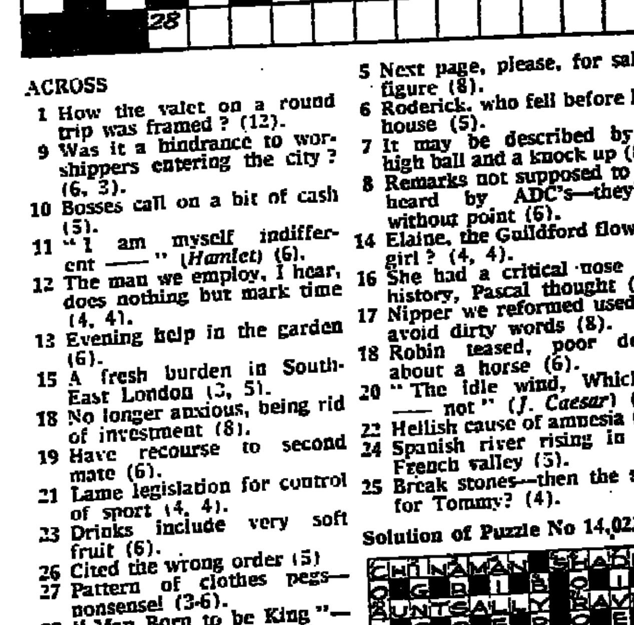
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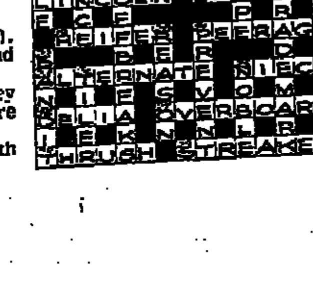
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1 How the valet on a round trip was framed ? (12).
9 Was it a hindrance to worshippers entering the city ? (6, 3).
10 Bosses call on a bit of cash (5).
11 "I am myself indifferent —— " (*Hamlet*) (6).
12 The man we employ, I hear, does nothing but mark time (4, 4).
13 Evening help in the garden (6).
15 A fresh burden in South-East London (3, 5).
18 No longer anxious, being rid of investment (8).
19 Have recourse to second mate (6).
21 Lame legislation for control of sport (4, 4).
23 Drinks include very soft fruit (6).
26 Cited the wrong order (5)
27 Pattern of clothes pegs—nonsense! (3-6).
28 "Man Born to be King"—tune a father sometimes heard ? (4, 8).

DOWN

1 Vessel plunging ahead (7).
2 Socialist saint, pure and simple (5).
3 In France, being ladies, they have nothing but Cheshire port (9).
4 Pulpit associated with arcades (4).
5 Next page, please, for sales figure (8).
6 Roderick, who fell before his house (5).
7 It may be described by a high ball and a knock up (8).
8 Remarks not supposed to be heard by ADC's—they're without point (6).
14 Elaine, the Guildford flower-girl ? (4, 4).
16 She had a critical nose for history, Pascal thought (9).
17 Nipper we reformed used to avoid dirty words (8).
18 Robin teased, poor dear, about a horse (6).
20 "The idle wind, Which I —— not" (*J. Caesar*) (7).
22 Hellish cause of amnesia (5).
24 Spanish river rising in the French valley (5).
25 Break stones—then the sack for Tommy? (4).

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